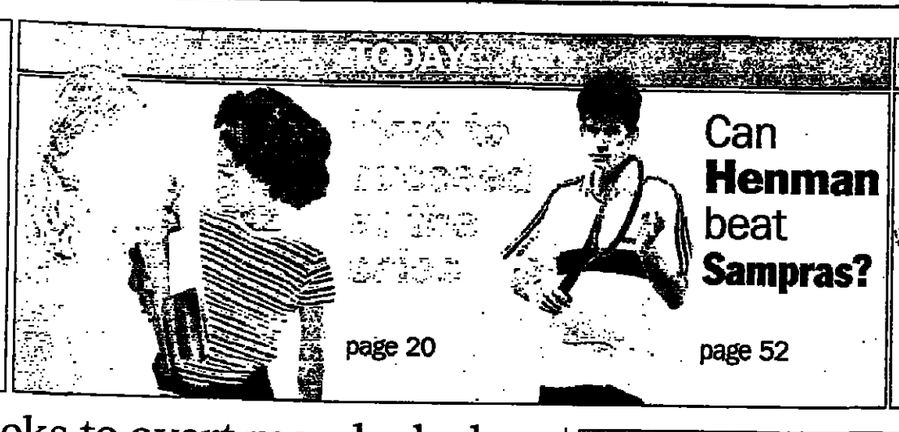
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Blair seeks to avert march clash

Ulster urged to hear voice of reason

BY MARTIN FLETCHER
CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR flew into Northern Ireland last night on a high-risk mission to avert a looming confrontation that could yet destroy the province's fragile peace.

On a day when loyalist extremists burnt ten Roman Catholic churches, destroying three of them, and with two days left before the explosive Drumcree Orange parade, the Prime Minister implored Protestants and Catholics to listen to the "voice of reason".

Standing at one of the destroyed churches, he said he was striving to "build a future that leaves these acts of barbarism and violence behind us". There was an "overwhelming desire among the majority of people in Northern Ireland to embrace a different type of future, to usher in a different type not just of politics but of relations between communities that have been divided."

He said later that he had come not to negotiate about Drumcree, but to encourage. "I hope it is possible that people will listen to what I am saying, which is that the voice of reason should prevail, and that this process which has come so far and done so well and stepped over so many hurdles can carry on because it does have the vast majority of people in Northern Ireland behind it."

Mr Blair's arrival marked a sharpening of behind-the-scenes efforts by the British and Irish governments, political, church and community leaders to avert a disaster this weekend. Even President Clinton has joined the quest, making telephone calls to key players from Air Force One as he continues his tour of China.

The Prime Minister went directly from the church to the parliament buildings at Stormont to meet David Trimble, Northern Ireland's new First Minister, and Seamus Mallon, the Deputy First Minister. Also in the buildings were leaders of the Orange Order which is determined to defy a ban on 1,500 of its members marching down the predominantly nationalist Portadown Road. Later he was meeting Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, and the leaders of the four main churches.



David Trimble at one of the burnt churches, near Banbridge, co Down, yesterday

Unionist sources denied suggestions that Mr Blair's arrival meant that a compromise was close. "The risk is huge, absolutely huge," one said. "There's nothing copper-fastened. He's not coming because there's a deal in the bag. He's going to join with the rest and try to pull something out of the bag."

Politicians and community leaders were "testing and teasing the scenarios out, trying to see how far each one can be pushed." The goal was to find some way that the Orangemen could make even a token appearance on their traditional parade route, however great the restrictions on their numbers, dress and conduct.

Unionist officals said the Orangemen were showing some flexibility, but that Brendan MacCionnaith, the fiercely republican spokesman for the Garvaghy Road Residents Coalition, was the stumbling block.

"There seems to be no talking to the man," one said. "He's not willing to enter into the spirit of this business. It requires give and take and there doesn't appear to be any willingness on his part to engage in anything at all. He just hates the Orangemen."

Mr MacCionnaith said that he had been approached by nobody. "People are getting pissed off with all this speculation in the media about politicians and prime ministers. We haven't heard a word from anyone," he said and restated his determination that the Parades Commission ban must be upheld.

Sinn Fein likewise said that nobody was talking to the residents' leaders, whom Unionists and Orangemen see as republican trouble-makers with terrorist links. However, Unionist sources confirmed that Mr Trimble would be prepared, in his capacity as First Minister and in Mr Mallon's company, to talk to the residents if that was what was required.

The ten churches in four counties were attacked in an onslaught that lasted from just before midnight on Tuesday until 9.30am yesterday. The police suspect the Loyalist Volunteer Force.

Matthew Parris, page 22



SIMON WALKER

End of all the lies: Sion Jenkins arriving at court. The judge said: "That child was in your care. This was an horrendous crime"

Billie-Jo foster father jailed for life

BY JOANNA BALE

THE foster father of Billie-Jo Jenkins was jailed for life yesterday for her murder after a judge told him he was "an extreme danger" to the community. The jury at Lewes Crown Court took ten hours and 40 minutes to find the deputy headmaster guilty of killing the 13-year-old, after a prosecution case which relied almost wholly on evidence of microscopic blood specks found on his clothing.

What the jury of eight men and four women did not know was the outwardly respectable headmaster-elect of the 1,000-pupil William Parker Boys' School in Hastings and regular churchgoer was a "control freak" prone to violent outbursts of temper against his wife, children and Billie-Jo.

Sion Jenkins was also a serial philanderer who had an affair with a 17-year-old girl and, after his arrest, was found to have lied about his qualifications to obtain his job. He did not, as he had claimed, attend Gordonstoun nor the University of Kent. Nor did he have a BA Honours Degree, a postgraduate certificate in education, an advanced diploma from the Open University or an MSc in education management from King's College London.

After he was jailed, flanked in court by two personal bodyguards as Billie-Jo's natural family screaming abuse, his estranged wife Lois, 36, issued a statement saying: "The loss of Billie, especially in such awful circumstances, has been almost too much to bear. It is a terrible thing to realise that the man with whom you have lived for 14 years, the father of your children, is capable of murdering your child."



Billie-Jo: she was beaten to death

Billie-Jo's natural mother Debbie Woods said: "The police, the prosecution and above all the jury were not taken in by this liar. He has destroyed Billie-Jo's life and the lives of so many others."

Billie-Jo's natural father, Bill Jenkins, who has served time in prison for assault, said "The last 16 months have been a nightmare, but I am pleased to see that justice has been done. He's a monster and he will get everything he deserves. He's ours now."

Detective Superintendent Jeremy Paine, who lead the investigation for Sussex Police, described Jenkins, 40, as an intelligent, articulate and meticulous man. He added: "He is somebody who needed to control events and when they didn't go his way, he would resort to violence. On this occasion he got stressed and angry and he lost it. He has never accepted this. He appears to want to just blank it out."

He said that police are still receiving calls from parents of Billie-Jo's schoolfriends, asking for advice on how to help their children deal with their emotions about the murder. Others who knew Billie-Jo have found it very hard to come to terms with her death and I am thinking particularly of her friends and acquaintances who have been very very deeply affected.

"I understand this and just hope that the verdict, which quite clearly identifies her killer, will make a start for some of them to come to terms with what has happened and to rebuild their lives."

Police initially suspected that a stranger had killed Billie-Jo, but Jenkins was

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Abiola yields

Chief Moshood Abiola, the man whom many Nigerians regard as their country's rightful President, has indicated he will renounce his claim to the leadership. Chief Abiola's release is expected soon ..... Page 15

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Libel legend Carter-Ruck calls in the lawyers

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

WHEN the legendary libel lawyer Peter Carter-Ruck decided to leave the law after 60 years, he doubtless expected all the champagne celebrations which usually accompany the rite of passage into retirement.

Instead, the 84-year old solicitor, who has become a household name and regular butt of *Private Eye* jokes, has found himself embroiled in a complicated dispute with his own partners.

Worse, while the dispute was still raging, he found his name summarily removed from the firm's notepaper and a stack of new stationery brought in making clear that he was no longer senior partner of the eponymous firm.

The new letter head relegates him to "founder and consultant".

Mr Carter-Ruck had hoped to retire on June 30, giving up the reins at the firm he founded in 1982, relinquishing his 15 per cent stake and remaining a consultant on a fixed salary believed to be in the region of £60,000, for three years.

The deal was that the five partners in the firm would retain his name. In return he wanted four other solicitors on the staff to be promoted to full partnership. But the existing partners have other ideas and do not favour such a sudden expansion of their numbers.

Mr Carter-Ruck, whose name is capable of striking fear into recipients of a letter or telephone call, not to mention a writ, has asked Clifford Chance, the biggest UK law firm to act for him.

Yesterday the man whose name has launched hundreds, if not a thousand writs confirmed that he would not be retiring after all and said that the agreement "seems to have foundered".

He is to continue as senior partner until the end of the year — when the present deed expires — unless a new agreement can be negotiated.

He said: "It is very sad for the firm and demonstrates how all too often today the achievement of a life time can be harmed in a matter of minutes."

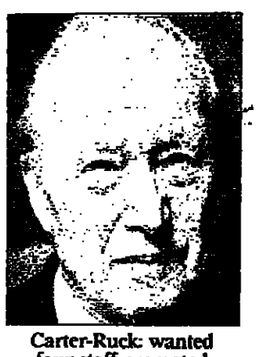
Ironically, despite his fearsome reputation, Mr Carter-Ruck is a man who likes to settle — as in 90 per cent of his cases — arguing convincingly that staying out of court is the better way to obtain a good deal for clients.

The roll of his past and present clients includes High Court judges, ministers, ambassadors and MPs and include: Cecil Parkinson, Norman Lamont, the late Harold Wilson and his wife, Jani Allan, Enoch Powell and Lucien Freud.

In the early days, newspapers too were often clients, but latterly his reputation has been more as a plaintiff's rather than as a defendant's lawyer, much to his disappointment.

If the dispute is not resolved by the end of the year, it is likely that he will set up his own consultancy and take his firm's name with him.

Either way, plans for more time sailing (he has sailed in more than 50 offshore races) from his croft in Scotland, or for charitable work, are for the time being on hold.



Carter-Ruck: wanted four staff promoted

Palace to get £½m to deal with media

BY CAROL MIDGLEY
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE Royal Household is to receive a direct grant of almost half a million pounds a year to handle its media relations.

Tony Blair said yesterday that Buckingham Palace will take charge of the publicly funded £471,000 communications budget, previously handled on its behalf by the government-run Central Office of Information.

The move was initiated by the Royal Household. The "in-house" arrangements open the way for competitive tendering with the COI facing rival bids from public relations outfits.

The new arrangements — at no extra cost to the taxpayer — mean the Royal Household will publish an annual report on communications spending which will be open to scrutiny by MPs and the public.

The Queen has just appointed a new Communications Secretary in an attempt to improve the Royal Family's public image in the wake of the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. Simon Lewis, currently working in public relations for British Gas, starts at Buckingham Palace in September on a two-year secondment.



"Phone up Michael Owen and find out if he plays cricket"

Another bad day for England

England could take only one South African wicket on the first day of the third Test at Old Trafford. Jacques Kallis scored an unbeaten hundred to leave the touring team on 237 for one at stumps. Gary Kirsten, the South Africa opener, batted all day and ended on 98 ..... Page 49

Champion loses at Wimbledon

Martina Hingis, the defending women's champion, was knocked out of Wimbledon in the semi-finals by the Czech, Jana Novotna, who is 12 years her senior. In a tense match full of technical errors by the Swiss number one seed, Novotna scored a decisive 6-4, 6-4 victory ..... Page 52

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Affectionate pooch shows real venom for such a little nipper

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Jeff Rooker got quite a shock. The wiry, Brummie junior Agriculture minister was gibbering away as usual about this and that — genetically modified plants, abattoir hygiene, rabies quarantine . . . when all at once an elderly poodle jumped up and bit him. Someone must have trodden on Barry Sheerman's pom-pom.

Mr Sheerman is the Labour Member for Huddersfield and works hard for his constituents. Next year he enters his sixth decade but (apart from a little greying of the fur, and a certain rasp to the bark) age has not altered him: he is as assiduous as ever.

And as partisan. Fond as all of us in the Press Gallery are of Mr Sheerman, his "four legs good, two legs bad" approach to political issues, an approach which finds everything about this Government pretty damn marvellous, and everything about the last an absolute disgrace, has raised an eyebrow or two in recent months.

My colleague on *The Daily Telegraph* was unkind enough to mention the fact some days ago. This seems to have wounded the basically affectionate pooch. At Questions last week he complained that the press had criticised him for his unwaveringly sympathetic line of questioning to ministers (*murmurs of "ooooh"*) — but would the minister accept that almost everything this Government did was so consistently terrific that it was really difficult to criticise *anything*? (I paraphrase).

And then Mr Sheerman was at it again on Tuesday, telling ministers that the NHS used to let people down "because the Tories were running it" — but those dreadful days were over.

Maybe this sketch was a little hard on the old poodle in our report of that exchange, but we did suggest Mr Sheerman might be in line for some sort of Crufts award for his combination of obedience with longevity. Maybe it was that remark, or the *Telegraph's*, which upset him; or perhaps he just got out of the wrong side of his basket yesterday, but, whatever the cause, Mr Sheerman's pom-poms were all out of joint yesterday. Even as he called the number of his rather routine question (What steps was the minister taking to ensure that British farmers cooperate with British supermarkets to ensure high-quality food?) the yap was a touch testy.

Jeff Rooker missed that warning. Doubtless the minister's notes said "*Sheerman: always helpful: no problem*". Mr Rooker said something soothing about farmers, probably supposing that they and not the supermarkets were in Sheerman's sights.

It was neither. He — the minister — was the target. And secondly it was the supermarkets. The Huddersfield poodle suddenly rushed up and nipped Rooker, then lashed out at supermarkets.

Well, not literally. What Mr Sheerman *said* was "Isn't that answer a little bit complacent?" But what a wealth of suppressed fury the tiny nip betrayed! Students of the Sheerman archive will confirm that, for this backbencher, that remark represented an outburst of astonishing venom. It was as though Tweetie-Pie had suddenly clawed somebody's eyes out.

Rooker looked momentarily stunned. Sheerman then attacked British supermarkets generally — for not stocking enough good British farm produce.

Replying, poor Rooker adopted the aggrieved tone and wounded expression of one who has offered a dog a biscuit, and sustained a serious bite to his hand.

A little later, Sheerman left the Chamber, no doubt still in a state of shock — winded by the violence of his own assault. He can forget that Cruft's rosette now. It's back into quarantine for Mr Sheerman.

Peers ready to defy Blair over student fees

BY JAMES LANDALE
POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Government found itself facing a constitutional confrontation with the House of Lords last night after peers announced they would defy ministers a third time over their plans for student tuition fees.

In the first trial of strength between the Prime Minister and the House of Lords, both Tory and Liberal Democrat peers said they would challenge the Commons again next week over the proposals for variable rates of fees in Scotland.

MPs voted on Wednesday night by a 140 majority to overturn for a second time a Lords attempt to take the so-called "Scottish anomaly" out of the Teaching and Higher Education Bill. Under the anomaly, English, Welsh, and Northern Irish students at Scottish universities would have to pay for four years of fees while their Scottish counterparts would pay for just three years.

The Lords normally accepts the will of the Commons in these circumstances but peers believe they have enough support from students, the universities and some Labour rebels to force the Government to back down.

Senior ministers immediately said they would overturn the Lords amendments again. The said a fourth challenge would be "crunch time" and would endanger the entire Bill.

Both the Tories and Lords officials denied that this was the case and insisted that the Bill could in theory continue to "ping pong" between both Houses until agreement was reached or the Parliamentary session ended and the Bill failed.

The initial Lords amendments would effectively have exempted all students from paying a fourth year of fees. The Goverment argued that this would cost the Treasury £27 million because the fourth year exemption would cover all students doing four year courses throughout the country, not just in Scotland.

MPs voted late on Wednesday night to use a technical Parliamentary procedure to assert the constitutional right of the Commons to have the last say over financial matters.

This so-called "privilege reason" effectively stopped peers insisting that their previous amendment remained in the Bill. Had they done so, the Bill would have died immediately and Parliament would have been plunged into a constitutional crisis.

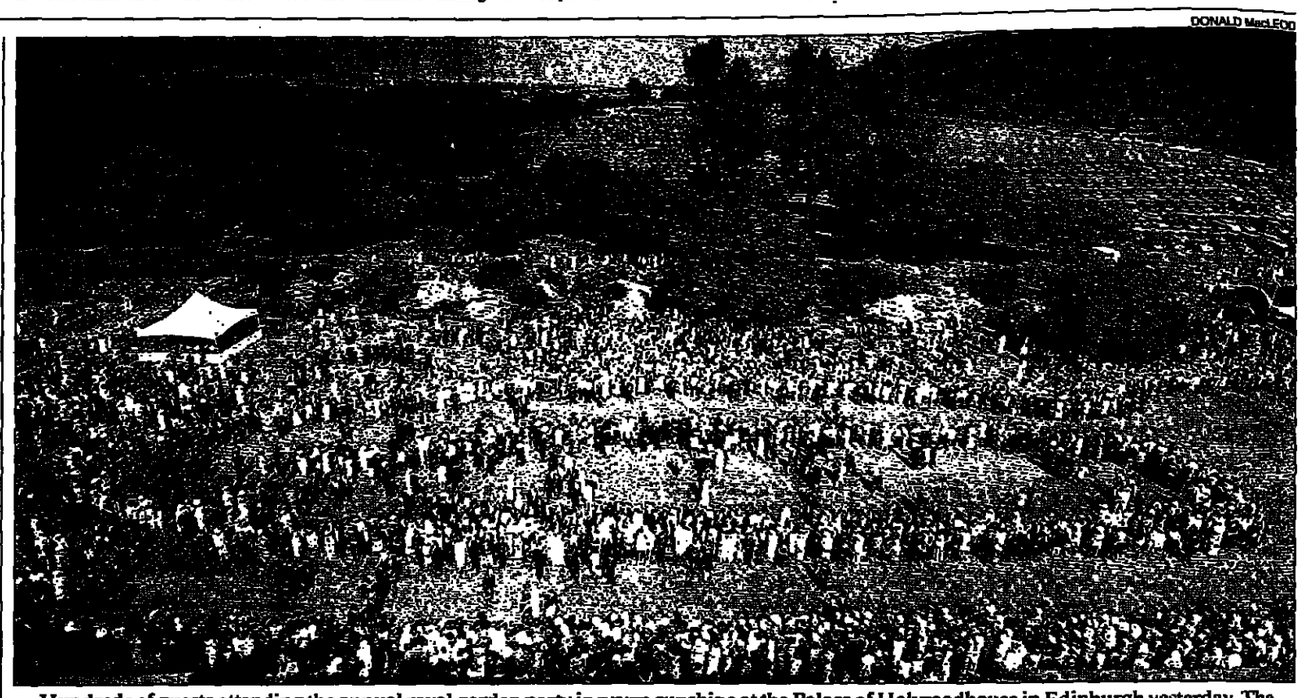
Instead, the Tories and the Liberal Democrats yesterday tabled similar amendments to be debated on Tuesday that would effectively restrict the fourth-year exemption to Scotland alone.

Although the amendments are similar, they are not precisely the same and are therefore not technically considered as a challenge to the previously declared will of the Commons. This process, known as "ping pong", could in theory last until the parliamentary session ends. The Government cannot invoke the Parliament Acts — which would allow the Commons to force the Bill through — because the measure started out in the Lords.

SCHOOLS VOTE

The Government suffered a double defeat in the Lords last night over its plans to boost school standards. Peers voted by a majority of 78 for a Tory amendment to the School Standards and Framework Bill which would allow parish and town councils to retain the right to nominate representatives to the governing bodies of state and Church primary schools. They also voted by a majority of four to allow village and split-site schools to continue sharing governing bodies.

DONALD MacLEOD



Hundreds of guests attending the annual royal garden party in warm sunshine at the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh yesterday. The Queen wore a pastel lime-green coat and matching hat as she and the Duke of Edinburgh met charity workers and community leaders

Prisoner deprived of food and drink

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

A WOMAN prisoner was deprived of food and drink for 24 hours after she refused to wear a canvas dress in a segregation unit.

The woman, whose complaint against the Prison Service was upheld, said that she had no opportunity to wash or use a toilet during the 48 hours she spent in the unit at Risley jail at Warrington, Cheshire.

In a report published yesterday, the Prison Service is severely criticised over the incident and for its failure to discipline the staff concerned. Sir Peter Woodhead, the prisons ombudsman, said that the woman had been detained for a weekend in "intolerable conditions". He condemned record-keeping at the unit and inaccurate accounts given by prison staff about what had happened.

The woman, who has since been released, complained that she had been held for 48 hours in an unfurnished cell in the segregation unit. Sir Peter said that, apparently on the instructions of an officer, she had been refused all food and drink for at least 24 hours because she would not wear the canvas dress she had been given in place of her own clothes.

Sir Peter upheld the complaint and criticised the Prison Service for sending a letter of apology from an area manager rather than the Director-General. He said that the "shocking nature" of his findings should have merited a response from the head of the service. He was also disappointed to find that no disciplinary action seemed to have been taken.

His annual report criticised the service's internal complaints system and says the officials fail to investigate claims properly and take too long. He received 1,960 letters from prisoners wishing to make complaints in 1997, but only 553 were eligible for investigation by his staff.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Blair rift denied by Dewar

Donald Dewar, the Scottish Secretary, yesterday denied rumours of a rift between himself and the Prime Minister over plans to reduce the number of MPs in the Scottish Parliament. Mr Dewar's personal popularity north of the border has dropped to an all-time low and for the first time a poll shows he has fallen behind Alex Salmond, the Scottish Nationalist Party leader, in the race to be First Minister in the new Scottish Parliament.

Navy moves out

The Royal Naval College, Greenwich, will end a 130-year tradition next week when the historic baroque buildings, used for officer training, are handed over to an independent trust, the Greenwich Foundation, and leased to the University of Greenwich.

Child sex check

Teachers, parents and pupils can be given confidential police information on where paedophiles live in an attempt to prevent abuse, say new guidelines by the Association of Chief Police Officers and the National Association of Head Teachers.

Suicide mother

Police said Paula Wilkinson, a 32-year-old nurse whose body was found close to those of her two children at their home in Runcorn, Cheshire, may have committed suicide after killing the children, Mark, eight, and Hannah, five in a bout of depression.

Exam leak scare

The Institute of Commercial Management examination board has severed ties with the Oxford Business College after investigating a claim, denied by the college, that questions had been leaked to students. They face resitting the summer exams.

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Lord Chancellor heads off secrecy Bill critics

BY VALERIE ELLIOTT, WHITEHALL EDITOR

THE Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC, has fought off a rearguard attempt by senior ministers to wreck plans for new freedom of information laws.

However, an alliance of ministers, backed by their permanent secretaries, intends to argue against inclusion of the Bill in the next Queen's Speech.

The intensity of opposition to the Bill in key departments — the Home Office, the Ministry of Defence, the Treasury and the Foreign Office — surfaced at a two-hour Cabinet committee meeting on Wednesday to decide the wording of a draft Bill.

The ministers led by Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, were determined to water down proposed powers for an Information commissioner, and to delay the bill on cost grounds. They also questioned why the Government had not combined the roles of information commissioner and data protection registrar to simplify the route for information.

Mr Straw has been fighting for change in the bill for weeks and is determined that vital police and intelligence work will not be jeopardised. He was particularly anxious about the strong powers of the information commissioner.

Under the White Paper plans, he could direct a department to release documents. If the Government objected, it would have to seek judicial review of the commissioner's decision in the courts.

In recent weeks, he has won support around Whitehall to argue for a delay in the Bill. Lined up with Mr Straw against Lord Irvine and Dr David Clark, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, were Mr Spellar, Junior Defence Minister, and Lady Symonds, Junior Foreign Office minister — with the full support of their Cabinet colleagues and permanent secretaries.

Alistair Darling, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, turned up at the committee specifically to argue down the Bill on the grounds of cost.



Lord Irvine: fought rearguard action

However, Lord Irvine drove through the cost arguments and also devised a new policy to silence the critics over the powers of the Information Commissioner. Instead of departments seeking judicial review he put forward a new legal tribunal made up of ministers and officials who would arbiter any decisions on final release.

At Westminster yesterday, ministers were still livid by the steamrolling of the draft bill. They still believe the plans are not properly balanced and the proposal for a substantial harm test is too strong. Ministers would have to disclose all material unless they could prove release would cause substantial harm. There are specific exemptions, however, for the security services and on grounds of commercial confidentiality.

One senior source said last night that the arguments would be raised again at the legislative committee planning the Queen's Speech.

The disclosure of the row is particularly embarrassing to the Government and will almost certainly be discussed during a Commons debate on Monday.

OFT examines Times pricing policy

BY RAYMOND SNODDY AND JILL SHERMAN

THE Office of Fair Trading yesterday asked News International for detailed information on the pricing policies of *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* to enable it to "consider the impact of its trading strategy on competitors".

The move follows complaints by *The Independent*, *The Daily Telegraph* and *The Guardian* that price cuts by *The Times* may be predatory and could cause damage to competitors.

John Bridgeman, Director-General of Fair Trading, asked the three newspapers in March to supply more information to back up their case. Yesterday, Mr Bridgeman said he now had a detailed accounted of how the newspaper industry works from the complainants' point of view. He said the next step was to ask News International, the parent group of *The Times* and *The Sunday Times*, for information on pricing strategies, profitability and the variable costs of producing both papers.

"This does not mean that we have reached a conclusion about the complainants' allegations. It does mean that we are intent on a thorough assessment of an issue which continues to cause debate and is of widespread interest," Mr Bridgeman said.

The Times sells at 30p on weekdays while its three main broadsheet competitors each have a weekday price of 45p. The OFT has looked at the pricing polices of *The Times* on three occasions, most recently in 1996. On all three occasions the OFT found that allegations of predatory pricing were not proven.

News International said last night it would be responding to the questions asked by the OFT and was added it was "confident that the same considerations apply now as previously".

If Mr Bridgeman found there was evidence of predatory pricing he could seek undertakings from News International about future behaviour or refer the matter for a full Monopolies and Mergers Commission investigation.

Meanwhile, there were signs that Margaret Beckett was softening her position on amendments tabled by Labour rebels to the Competition Bill, which goes through its final stages in the Commons next Wednesday. Both Giles Radice and Chris Mullin have tabled amendments to the Bill in an attempt to curb so-called predatory pricing campaigns by national newspapers.

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Liar, wife-beater, adulterer and killer

The truth about foster father with evil temper

BY JOANNA BALE AND EMMA WILKINS

SION JENKINS showed every sign of being a respectable member of his community. He was deputy headmaster of one of the largest comprehensive schools in Hastings, a regular church-goer and a family man with an attractive wife and five daughters.

Unknown to the other members of the congregation at Halston Baptist Church — and to the jury — he was a serial adulterer and wife-beater, who frequently disciplined his daughters with sticks and slippers. He was also seen by a family friend kicking his foster daughter's leg after she sprained her ankle, in a sudden rage.

Peter Gaimster, whose family went on holiday with the Jenkinses to France, told police that he was alarmed at Jenkins's violence towards Billie-Jo just six months before the murder. He said: "She had tripped and sprained her ankle. She seemed to be in a lot of pain, so I got an ice-pack to help keep the swelling down.

"Soon afterwards, I saw Sion go into her bedroom and throw her violently across the bed. She landed on the bed, crying. I then saw Sion walk towards Billie-Jo and violently kick her, using his right leg with full force. The kick caught Billie-Jo against her injured leg. She became hysterical.

"Sion then looked around and saw me standing there. He must have known that I had seen the attack. He walked over to the door and calmly closed it. The subject was never mentioned again, although Mr and Mrs Jenkins said Billie-Jo always did something to be centre of attention."

The judge ruled this evidence inadmissible, despite prosecution arguments that it was an assault indicating a "long-standing hostility".

When Annie Jenkins, 12, was questioned by police about the frequent beatings with sticks and slippers her father gave her and her sisters Lottie, 10, Esther, 9, Maya, 7, and Billie-Jo, she replied: "But all families have naughty sticks, don't they? He didn't even hurt us."

Jenkins was described by police as a "control freak". His wife, Lois, was also subjected to violent punches if she crossed him. Mrs Jenkins, who declined to give evidence against her husband but is now divorcing him, needed hospital treatment after one beating.

"He hit her on several occasions both before and during their marriage and each time it seems to come like a bolt out of the blue," said a friend of Mrs Jenkins. "One time he was doing some DIY around the house and was getting frustrated. She said something that he didn't like and he just lashed out. He burst her eardrum."

Jenkins also had a string of affairs with younger women. His last infidelity was with a 17-year-old girl whom he used to drive to Battle railway station in his white MG Midget.

But it was his obsession with his foster daughter, who looked older than her 13 years, which so concerned members of her natural family, although there was no medical evidence of sexual abuse.

"The way he loved her was not right," said Maggie Coster, the girl's aunt. "I thought it was an unhealthy obsession. She was as tall as Lois and she used to wear Lois's shoes. She was stunning. It was like she was his symbol; his trophy.

"I think he tried to reinvent her like he had reinvented himself with all his lies. I think he was in love with Billie-Jo. Lois told me he adored Billie-Jo more than his own children. She said she wouldn't leave her alone with him."

One neighbour added: "Lois was a part-time social worker who spent her time rescuing children from abusive families, yet it appears that Lois's family were no different — hardly the ideal placement for a foster child. There should be a social services investigation to find out why poor Billie-Jo ended up in such a family."

Jenkins's colleagues at the William Parker comprehensive school for boys in Hastings, where he was headmaster-elect, were also taken in by his lies. He obtained his post with a false curriculum vitae in which 85 per cent of his "qualfications" were faked.

He claimed to have attended Gordonstoun, which would have meant he was there at the same time as Prince Andrew. In fact, he was an academically undistinguished pupil at Glasgow Academy, a lesser-known Scottish public school. He claimed to have a 2:1 degree from Kent University, which was a lie.

His only qualification was an education certificate from the now-defunct Nonington teacher-training centre in Kent. His membership of the Secondary Heads Association was also based on a lie: he had no MSc or BA degrees.

Sion David Charles Jenkins was born in Deptford, south-east London, in September 1957. His father, David, was a police constable, who joined Michelin, the tyre firm. The family moved to Scotland and Jenkins joined Glasgow Academy in 1971.

He became a boarder two years later when his parents moved to Slough with his younger brother, David. He was in the D stream, for pupils of low ability. Later he claimed to have ten A-grade O levels, when he had four poorly graded ones, and that he had four A levels, when he had none.

On leaving school, Jenkins said he wanted to become a journalist, but instead went to work part-time for Mars, the chocolate company, in Slough. He was not taken on full-time because of his "uncooperative" attitude. He decided to try his hand at teaching, and left Slough to train at Nonington.

He married Lois Ball in 1982 at Lansdowne Baptist Church in Bournemouth, near her parents' home town of Poole. The couple moved to the East End of London, where Mrs Jenkins became a social worker in Tower Hamlets. Jenkins worked at several schools and became English master at the McEntee Secondary School in Walthamstow in 1989.

Len Bannister, the headmaster, was taken in by Jenkins's lies: "I thought Sion was an extremely good teacher. He had an aura of enthusiasm." Other members of staff were not so keen. One contemporary said: "I remember him as being very churchy and sanctimonious. When he left, everyone clubbed together to buy him a leaving present, but he never turned up to collect it. I thought that was rather typical of his arrogant attitude."

In 1993 Jenkins moved his family to Hastings when he won his post at William Parker. He bought a £180,000 house in Lower Park Road, opposite Alexandra Park, where the children could play.

The following year he stood for election as a Tory councillor, saying he was concerned about violent crime, but lost by 46 votes to a Liberal Democrat. It was the last that the local Conservative Association ever heard of the supposedly committed new member.

It may never be known what fuelled his final rage against his foster daughter. It might have been slapdash painting of the patio doors, the loud pop music she was playing on the stereo, or perhaps something she said. He grabbed a tent spike and shattered her skull in three places, continuing to beat her even after she fell unconscious to the ground. She suffered 20 separate injuries, including bruises to the arms and hands as she tried to defend herself.

On February 24, nine days after her death, police arrived at the home of Peter and Julia Gaimster, where Jenkins and his family had been staying since the murder. They woke Jenkins, arrested him and took him to Hastings police station. One detective said: "It was almost like he was expecting us. He was very calm. I think he thought he was clever enough to get away with it; that he could control the situation like everything else. He is the strangest man I have ever seen. Even when he was charged, there was no reaction."

While he showed no remorse over the girl's death, Jenkins was mortified when officers found out that he had worked at the Mars factory. A police source said: "When he was asked about his time at Mars, he took his head in his hands as if he was in total despair. It was the only time he showed any emotion. All through the questions he thought he was cleverer than the police. It was as if he couldn't admit to himself that he had done anything wrong."

A spokesman for East Sussex County Council said that Jenkins's references had been checked with police and the Department for Education. He added: "We have approached the DfEE to see how systems could be improved nationally."



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Sion and Lois Jenkins at the news conference after the murder. A detective said: "He thought he was clever enough to get away with it"

WIFE PLEADS FOR PRIVACY

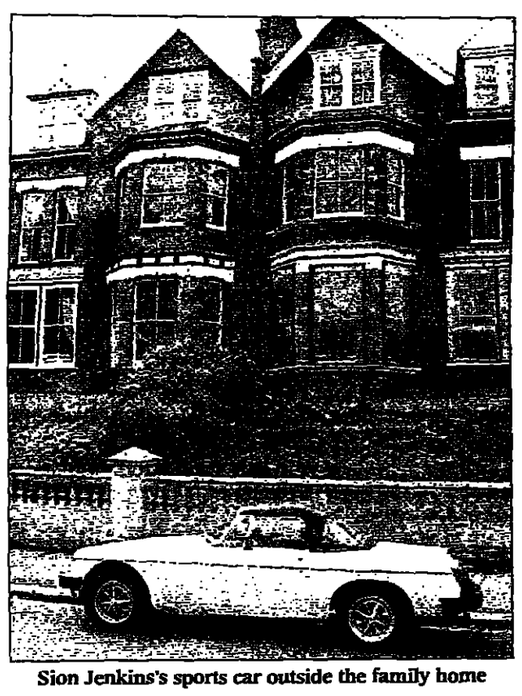
LOIS JENKINS, the wife of Sion Jenkins, last night issued a statement: "Sixteen months ago I returned, with two of my children, from a quiet Saturday afternoon walk on the beach to a tragedy more horrific than any person ever expects to encounter in a lifetime.

"The loss of Billie, especially in such awful circumstances, has been almost too much to bear. It has been hard to take time to grieve in the midst of a major murder inquiry, with all the media and public attention that such an investigation attracts. It has been hard to wait for so many months for a trial, but the need to see justice done generates a strength to carry on.

"It is a terrible thing to realise that the man with whom you have lived for 14 years, the father of your children, is capable of murdering your child. There is no reason, no explanation, for such a pointless waste of a young life.

"Now that the trial is over, the girls and I need peace and quiet to come to terms with all that has happened. Above all, we need time to grieve properly for Billie, and to learn to remember her as the happy, vibrant daughter and sister whom we knew.

"We want to thank all our family and friends, not least the community of Hastings, for the support and encouragement that has enabled us to continue to live at home, and for the girls to continue at their schools. We would also like to thank the many hundreds of people who have written to us sharing our sadness in the loss of Billie and offering their encouragement. Just now, in the immediate aftermath of the trial, we would appreciate privacy and quiet for ourselves, our family and our friends."



Sion Jenkins's sports car outside the family home

Streetwise imp who turned into 'a real young lady'

BY JOANNA BALE AND EMMA WILKINS

A STREETWISE and cheeky child, Billie-Jo Jenkins spent much of her early life with foster parents and in children's homes in the East End of London. The marriage of her parents, Bill and Debbie Jenkins, was tempestuous and brief, and they put her and her elder brother, Daryl, into care after finding it impossible to look after them properly.

Mrs Jenkins experienced problems with drug addiction and served a prison sentence for handling stolen goods. Mr Jenkins has a series of convictions, including jail for causing grievous bodily harm. Billie-Jo and Daryl came to Sion and Lois Jenkins as an emergency placement after Billie-Jo's father snatched her from her previous foster parents.

Although Daryl, 13, left Sion Jenkins's house after a week, Billie-Jo, then aged eight, stayed with the middle-class couple and their four natural daughters. When they decided to foster her on a long-term basis, it seemed as if her happiness and prosperity were secured. The family took Billie-Jo from the streets of Newham and moved to the seaside, where they lived in a spacious house in Hastings opposite a park.

Sion Jenkins, a teacher, and his wife, a social worker, took Billie-Jo for riding lessons, weekends in the country and foreign holidays. She began to enjoy her new life and started to lose her cockney accent.

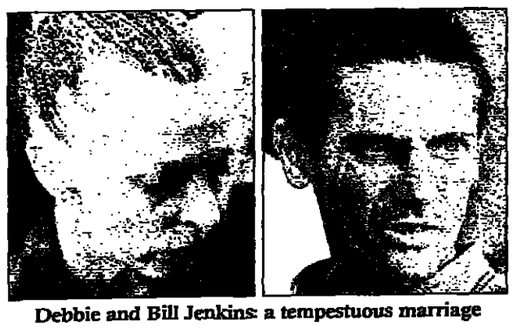
Peter Gaimster, a family friend, said: "She was outgoing, independent, fun, a very likeable and pretty young lady. She could be difficult and answered back sometimes, but no more than any other teenager of that age. She had adjusted well to her new life and the Jenkins girls were very fond of her. They treated her like a sister."

Ann Webb, who lives next door to the family, said: "Billie-Jo was a young lady in the old-fashioned sense of the word. It's rare to meet a young girl nowadays with such manners and such a nice attitude. She was always polite, always caring."

Carol Crispin, 36, another neighbour, said: "My children were friends with her and they are devastated. You wouldn't ever have known that she was fostered. She was just one of the family. They all got on so well.

"When the family got their dog, Buster, three years ago, Billie-Jo raced round here to show him off. She was a lovely, bright, caring girl. She had a nice circle of friends."

Billie-Jo was her year representative to the school council at Helenswood School, a comprehensive in Hastings. She adored drama and sport, and was adopting an increasingly sophisticated attitude to academic work. Her ambition was to go to drama college and she visited several in the months before her death.



Debbie and Bill Jenkins: a tempestuous marriage

Victim's blood traps her murderer

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arrested after scientific analysis of his clothing found 158 microscopic traces of blood, likened to an aerosol spray and consistent with him having been present when the blows were struck. This remained the most compelling evidence against him despite defence claims that they came from a bubble of blood from Billie-Jo's nose.

Mr Justice Gage said: "The jury have convicted you of the murder on what in my judgement is compelling evidence. On the 15th of February last year you battered your foster daughter to death with an iron bar. It was a furious assault, the motive for which only you now know. That girl was in your care as a foster child. You yourself were a deputy headmaster at the time, a man in a position of trust and authority with respect to children. These bare facts are sufficient to show what an horrendous crime this was.

"The fact that you did commit this crime, the circumstances in which it was committeed and the way it was committed, in my judgement, demonstrates that you are a very considerable danger to the community. All these facts must be reflected in the report I send to the Home Secretary. There is only one sentence, I sentence you to prison for life."

After the killing, he had taken his daughters Annie and Lottie out of the house, saying he needed white spirit from a DIY store, but police discovered a half-full container of white spirit in his home. Jenkins himself fuelled suspicion by denying having gone into the house — then having to admit it after statements by his daughters.

A detective said that Jenkins was then "controlled in everything he said and did — the children were hysterical, Lois was hysterical, and he wanted to go for a walk and clear his head. He seemed detached." At a news conference, he spoke of prowlers and break-ins, saying he had become so concerned he had decided to move house. But the police had no record of complaints about prowlers.

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Politicians join to condemn church-burnings

Martin Fletcher, chief Ireland correspondent, is reminded of attacks by Ku Klux Klan "nightriders"

THE Roman Catholic church of St James in the tiny village of Aldergrove was built 220 years ago on land given by the local Protestant landlord, Sir Roger Moore. In the small hours of yesterday morning Protestants destroyed it.

The pretty, whitewashed church in Co Antrim was one of ten in four Northern Ireland counties attacked by arsonists in a nocturnal rampage that called to mind the Ku Klux Klan's "nightriders" who torched of black churches in America's Deep South during the civil rights era. Three churches were completely gutted, others scorched. The cost of the physical damage runs to millions of pounds. The damage to community relations is inestimable. The police suspect the Loyalist Volunteer Force, the smallest but deadliest of the loyalist paramilitary groups, although declared a ceasefire in May.

Security sources believe the that attacks were carried out either to give a foretaste of what the Province can expect if the Orange Order's Drumcree parade is barred from Portadown's predominantly nationalist Garvaghy Road this Sunday, or to impede the search for a compromise by inflaming sectarian tensions.

These are days when hope and hatred are vying for supremacy in Northern Ireland. If Wednesday belonged to the former, with the opening of the Province's new Assembly, then it was the sectarian extremists who prevailed yesterday and David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist leader, spent his first morning as First Minister surveying the damage.

"We condemn utterly without reservation this appalling and dastardly act." Mr Trimble said at Aldergrove, in Co Antrim, where he was joined by the area's Catholic and Church of Ireland bishops and the Presbyterian Moderator in a striking display of cross-community solidarity. "At a time of hope for the future of Northern Ireland society can ill afford these acts of sectarian madness . . . I am quite sure that this church will rise again from the ashes."

There was condemnation from across the political spectrum. The Prime Minister, who visited Aldergrove on his arrival in the Province late yesterday, told the Cabinet that "this sort of barbarous behaviour is totally unacceptable to the people of this country".

Bertie Ahern, the Taoiseach, said the attacks showed the "worst features of bigotry and hate" and begged nationalists to show restraint. Seamus Mallon, of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, Northern Ireland's new Second Minister, appealed for calm. The Rev Ian Paisley, the Democratic Unionist Party leader, called the attacks "criminal and disgraceful".

The Orange Order in Portadown disowned the attacks.

Aldergrove is less a village than a crossroads. It has a pub, an old school and the church. There used to be an old hut that was used for dances — prompting locals to joke that all the place offered was damnation, education, salvation and recreation. Its scattered population is mixed, and its most famous resident is Lord Molyneaux of Killead, Mr Trimble's predecessor as Ulster Unionist Party leader.

A passer-by spotted the blaze at about 1.15am and raised the alarm, but it was already too late, and a small crowd of parishioners watched helplessly as their church burned down. They were still there yesterday, standing in small huddles. Monica Kelly, the landlord's wife, dispensed tea and biscuits. Two Saturdays ago her daughter was married in the church.

A middle-aged man with red-rimmed eyes said: "I'm totally devastated. My God Almighty, what's it achieved? It's achieved absolutely nothing." Hugh Heffron's 22-year-old son Ciaran was killed by loyalist paramilitaries in April and is buried in the graveyard at Aldergrove. "When I saw the Assembly I thought here we go, we're going to have some progress but when you see this you wonder."

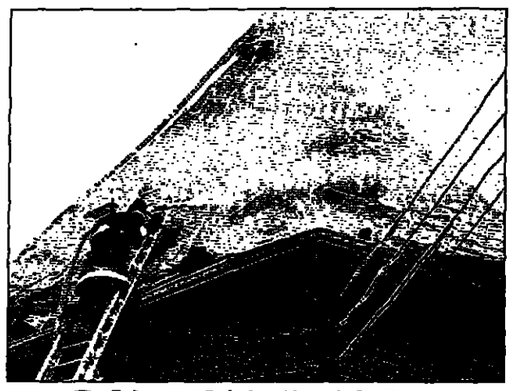
Father John O'Sullivan, the church's elderly priest, said he was "desolate". His congregation of about 150 "have such happy memories of the church — they have been baptised here, married here".

A young man in the crowd, John Burns, was ordained last month and celebrated his first Mass in the Aldergrove church last Monday. "It's the church my family have worshipped in for generations." Father Burns said. There have been Burnses here as long as the church has been here. My great-grandfather is buried here. My two sisters were married here. I was baptised and took my first communion here. I feel dreadfully, dreadfully sad."



HUGH RUSSELL

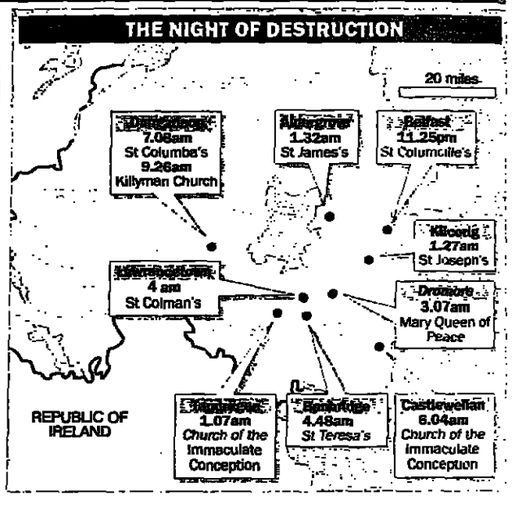
Father John Burns shows the Prime Minister the remains of the Church of St James in the village of Aldergrove yesterday. It was one of ten churches attacked overnight



Firefighters at Leitrim Chapel, Co Down



The arson device found at Lawrencetown Chapel



Advisers rejected toll road

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE first modern toll road in Britain won the go-ahead despite the plan being severely criticised by the Government's independent consultants, a report leaked yesterday shows.

Environmentalists have seized on the findings to claim that the Birmingham Northern Relief Road should never have been approved. The consultants said the winning bid, by Midland Expressway Ltd, used "unacceptably crude" methods of predicting traffic.

The report, leaked to Friends of the Earth, added that the market research carried out by the firm was based on "implausible behaviour by drivers" and claims that the revenue calcuations were "optimistic".

The report, by Transport Planning Associates, has emerged as a similar toll road, run by one of Midland Expressway's parent companies in America, has moved close to bankruptcy. The Dulles Greenway in Virginia, opened in 1995, has only achieved a third of forecast revenue.

The Birmingham road is being built for an estimated £500 million by Autostrada International and Kavaerner who took over Trafalgar House. It was approved by Malcolm Rifkind, then Transport Secretary, in 1991.

Gerald Kells, of Friends of the Earth, said: "The relief road is a disaster waiting to happen."

A spokesman for the Department of Environment, Transport and the Regions, said: "Transport Planning Associates were involved, but at an early stage. Significant improvements in modelling were achieved later."

Player wins damages for rugby headbutt

BY A CORRESPONDENT

A FORMER rugby international won a landmark damages claim yesterday against the French player who wrecked his career.

Ricky Evans took his case against Olivier Merle — who felled him with a headbutt during the 1995 match between France and Wales — to the High Court in Paris. The court found in favour of Evans and awarded him an interim payment of 50,000 francs (£5,225) and costs against Merle. Judge Bichard described the incident as "an act of brutality".

Evans, 38, is claiming up to £35,000 but will have to wait until next year for the final damages to be decided. He suffered a broken nose and a double fracture of the left ankle as he was felled by the blow from 23-stone Merle. He said that the injuries ruined his international rugby career and kept him off work as a fireman for 3½ months.

Merle was not penalised for the assault during the game in Paris, as it was not seen by match officials. But it was picked up by a BBC television camera and the judge watched a recording of the incident. Evans said: "I'm very pleased. It's been a long wait but worth it because I have been vindicated. Merle ruined my international career but now I'm going to see justice done."

Mark Harvey, Evans's solicitor, said he thought that this was the first successful claim of its kind in the rugby world. "We just hope the rugby unions around the world will sit up an take notice."

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Half of dioceses are struggling in face of clergy shortage

Church places faith in rising number of recruits attracted by 'feel-good' factor, reports **Ruth Gledhill**

MORE than half of all dioceses in the Church of England have a shortage of ordained clergy, according to a report published today.

Record increases in ordinations of new clergy are helping to fill the gap left by retirements as increasing numbers apply to become priests in the Church of England, but there are still not enough clergy to fill the jobs available in 23 out of 43 dioceses, according to the report, to be debated at the general synod when it meets in York this weekend. Church leaders are laying special emphasis on the job satisfaction to be found in a career in the church in the hope of attracting new recruits.

It is also hoped that a pay rise of 4.2 per cent, above the rate of inflation, which will take a curate's minimum starting salary to £14,090, will help attract high-quality young men and women to the priesthoods where the top job, Archbishop, nets more than £40,000.

Combined with free housing, no council tax or water rates plus expenses, a curate's starting salary is still well above the national average for young people starting out in a new career.

The report comes as the church disclosed that 15 per cent more new clergy have been ordained deacon this summer compared to Petertide last year. Ordinations at Michaelmas are expected to show a similar increase. Next year, ordinations will increase by 20 per cent, with 287 stipendiary deacons entering full-time paid ministry as curates, compared to 240 this year. There are currently more than 1,200 people training for the priesthood.

The Ven Gordon Kuhrt, the church's director of ministry, said: "There will be jobs for all these people. There is no problem about that."

There are currently 9,132 full-time stipendiary clergy in the Church of England serving 13,000 parishes, which means each parish has just 0.7 of a vicar.

According to the report, *Statistics of Licensed Ministers*, the average age of a diocesan bishop is nearly 60, with just three under 50. The average age of a vicar is 50, and just 1,000 of all parish clergy are aged under 40.

The shortage comes at a time when it is still the church's aim to provide a pastoral ministry to every person in the land, using the traditional parish system.

The shortfall is filled in most areas by unpaid clergy ordained into the local or national non-stipendiary ministry. Archdeacon Kuhrt said the 11 theological colleges were filling up with new recruits but still had a spare capacity for about 100 more student clergy. "The colleges are in much better heart than for some years, because for the first time numbers are rising and they are fuller than they have been for some years," he said. "There is a 'feel-good' factor around."

He said more people were applying to become priests because the storm over women priests had calmed, the church's financial problems had been resolved and there were no fears over payment of stipends or pensions.

☐ Music is unnecessary to church worship and is too often a hindrance rather than a help, a parish church organist claims today.

Too many churches cling to a repertoire of ancient music that is barely intelligible, says Peter Brown in the latest *Cross & Way*, the journal of the Church Society.

Mr Brown, who conducts the Minehead choral society and plays the organ at a church in Selworthy, Somerset, writes: "It is perfectly possible to worship without music, or with just a bare minimum of hymns. Indeed, many find singing, if anything, an effort." He adds: "On such occasions, I long for silence."

Princess crash survivor queries role of the Ritz

Ben Macintyre reports on bodyguard's questions over the drunken chauffeur

TREVOR REES-JONES, the sole survivor of the crash in which Diana, Princess of Wales, was killed, has asked French investigators to question management at the Ritz hotel in Paris, owned by his former employer, Mohamed Al Fayed, over the behaviour of the chauffeur Henri Paul.

Christian Curtil, a French lawyer representing Mr Rees-Jones, denied that the request was a precursor to taking legal action against Mr Al Fayed, but he noted that his client, who stopped working for the millionaire owner of Harrods in April, "has never shared the same point of view as the Ritz".

Mr Rees-Jones, 29, was seriously injured in the crash last on August 31, in which the Princess, Dodi Fayed and the driver were all killed. M Paul, who was employed as deputy security director at the Ritz, was later found to be well over the alcohol limit.

"There are some issue to be clarified," M Curtil said. "Concerning the directors of the Ritz, what did they know and what did they not know? There are issues concerning security problems, issues concerning possible pressures, issues concerning the drunkenness of the driver. Was he obviously drunk to the knowledge of the Ritz, or not? Was everything done to guarantee the security of the passengers?"

Some Ritz executives have denied that M Paul was drinking before he took the wheel of the Mercedes, while one witness has said he "staggered" out of the hotel bar. The hotel barman told police he was instructed not to reveal M Paul's drunken state "for the sake of the royal family".

Sources close to the investigation said that M Curtil had asked the investigating magistrate Hervé Stéphan to question Ritz president Franck Klein and his assistant Claude Rollet. Mr Rees-Jones and Mr Al Fayed are both civil plaintiffs in the case, but if M Paul is declared to have been responsible for the crash, and if the Ritz is held to be negligent then the hotel, or Mr Al Fayed, could face huge damages claims.

When he left Mr Al Fayed's employment on April 20, Mr Rees-Jones said he was leaving with regret, and he thanked the owner of Harrods for his support. Mr Al Fayed paid the injured bodyguard's medical bills and flew him back to Britain by private helicopter.

Nine photographers and a motorcycle driver remain under investigation in the case, but they are not expected to have to face manslaughter charges.

"The investigation is nearly over concerning the photographers and there are some issues to be clarified," M Curtil said, including the issue of possible witness-tampering. "We are looking for the truth," he said.

Mr Rees-Jones's fellow bodyguard, Kes Wingfield, is meeting investigators in Paris today at his own request, having left Mr Al Fayed's employ last month.

Mr Rees-Jones, who remembers nothing of the events immediately before the accident, has also requested another meeting with Judge Stéphan.

In addition, M Curtil has written to M Stéphan asking him to question staff at the company which supplied the Mercedes over suggestions that the vehicle may have had mechanical problems before the crash.

Tenors sing the praises of England footballers

BY A CORRESPONDENT

THE football-crazy Three Tenors comforted the vanquished England team yesterday, telling them that they would never walk alone after their "heroic" effort against Argentina.

Luciano Pavarotti, Placido Domingo and Jose Carreras sent each member of the team and Glenn Hoddle, the coach, a letter of commiseration and a copy of their forthcoming single, *You'll Never Walk Alone*. The terrace classic was sung by English fans in the stadium before the fateful match on Tuesday.

Pavarotti and Domingo, fans of Italy, and Carreras, who is rooting for Spain, felt that England's plucky performance had produced the best match so far.

They wrote: "Dear Glenn and the England team. As you know, we are very big fans of the World Cup. Having seen the heroics performed by all of you on Tuesday night, we would like to send you our commiserations, but also our congratulations on such a classic performance."

The singers will perform a concert in Paris on July 10, ahead of the World Cup final, and the single will be released on July 13.

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ANDREW MILLIGAN



Willie Carson's feet didn't touch the ground when the retired Derby-winning jockey received an honorary degree at Stirling University, Scotland, yesterday

Detectives check links in mothers' murders

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

SCOTLAND YARD is investigating possible links between the murders of two mothers who were tied up and murdered in their homes within days of each other.

Forensic scientists are conducting tests today on bullets from the body of Avril Johnson, 30, who was killed in front of her husband and two daughters in Brixton, South London, last weekend. The body of Michelle Carby, 35, was found by her three children when they got up for school at their flat in Stratford, East London, on Tuesday.

Police believe that robbery may have been the motive in both killings. Four men broke into Mrs Johnson's home and tied her up before shooting her in the head. There was no sign of forced entry at Miss Carby's home but she had been bound hand and foot in a chair in her sitting room.

She said goodnight to her children at about 11pm on Monday and was discovered sitting in front of the television the next morning by her daughter, aged 12, and sons aged 10 and 4. She had been shot twice in the head with a small-bore weapon.

Police were yesterday checking if anything was missing from her home and investigating whether there could be any drug links.

Detective Chief Inspector Andrew Kay said that forensic tests would show whether the murders were linked.

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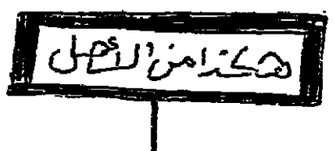


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Crackdown sees sober atmosphere at Old Trafford

EIGHTEEN stag-party revellers in floppy hats, a teenager in a St George wig and a man with a parrot on his head evaded the clampdown on provocative dress at the start of the Third Test match at Old Trafford yesterday.

They walked straight past cordons of guards ready to impose the new dress code and alcohol ban, who were perhaps lulled into a false sense of security by the absence of carrot man, pantomime horse or Mr Blobby.

There was no such amnesty for those trying to breach the alcohol ban. Security staff searched all bags and offenders were asked to dump supplies in plastic skips. Even soft drinks bottles were banned, in case they had been spiked with alcohol.

The mounting alcohol mountain ensured that the atmosphere was as sober in the stands as it was in the middle on the opening morning where the South African batsmen frustrated England under grey, leaden skies.

The dress code and alcohol ban is part of a concerted drive by the authorities at Old Trafford to stop the rot represented by the drunken and unruly behaviour in matches at Edgbaston and Headingley.

Notices around the Old Trafford ground warn spectators that anti-social behaviour such as drunkenness and use of foul language will lead to ejection. Racist, sexist or inflammatory messages on T-shirts are outlawed and Mexican waves discouraged.

Dave Edmundson, Lancashire's cricket secretary, said safety was the main issue. "We had a call from somebody wanting to come as the Pink Panther. We said 'Fine', so long as he takes the head off. We are not trying to repress any carnival atmosphere. We are not being killjoys. We are looking for a carnival atmosphere.

"What we don't want is riotous assembly. We want attention drawn to the cricket, not to themselves."

Ordinary spectators in the Eddie Paynter stand and Lancashire Cricket Club members, watching in the Long Room, were glad to see the back of Teletubbies, silly policemen, clowns in orange wigs and grown-up babies in giant nappies.

They are less happy, however, about the ban on alcohol, which many regard as a breach of the cricket lover's traditional right to ease the agony of watching England on the field.

Some fans — such as Sean Pretlove, 32, an electrical design engineer, from Radcliffe, near Manchester — decided to drink his four cans of Australian lager rather than dump them. "This is overkill," he said. "I knew about the ban but I thought I might just sneak them in."

The bars opened at the start of play at 11am with customers queueing three deep. Graham Hamer, 39, a bill poster from Prestwich, northwest Manchester, said: "It cuts across the ordinary cricket lover's traditional right to bring his picnic with him into the ground. They still let you get drunk, so long as they get all the profit from it."

Peter Clarke, 44, an engineer from Rochdale, has been a member for eight years. He does not like the change which limits members to four cans or a bottle of wine. "I don't think they should ban the alcohol. One or two fancy dress customers were over the top but ..£2 this is nothing compared with Sydney or Melbourne."

Meanwhile, Brian Cheesman, 52 — the academic ejected last year at Headingley after dressing as a carrot — said he was "concerned" at the new ban but understood that officials were worried about safety. Mr Cheesman was accused of being drunk and disorderly, which he strongly denied. He believes over-zealous stewards took a dislike to his costume.

Some fans flouted the dress code, but most were unhappy with the drink ban, says **Russell Jenkins**



Approved headgear: Geoffrey Boycott yesterday

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ANDRE CAMARA



The Sparks baby, alias Katie Radbourne, being refused entry to the Stewards' Enclosure yesterday, despite being in possession of a valid pass

Baby gets it in the neck at Henley

BY HELEN JOHNSTONE

A WOMAN dressed as a giant bouncing baby was turned away from the Stewards' Enclosure at Henley yesterday on the ground that she was not wearing a tie.

Katie Radbourne had attempted to get past two security guards at the exclusive regatta enclosure to raise money for Sparks, the children's sports charity whose president is the international rower Steven Redgrave. Despite her legitimate pass, she was refused entry.

Redgrave himself was another victim of the strict dress code yesterday. Explaining his lack of success in getting into the regatta office inside the enclosure while wearing his rowing gear, Redgrave, one of 53 stewards who agreed the code, said: "One of the security guards turned me away because I was not wearing trousers. I have no problem with that because he was just doing his job. I fully agree with the strict dress code."

So do the 159-year-old royal regatta's 6,000 members, who are consulted regularly on the subject. The code has not been relaxed for more than 100 years and is not expected to be over the next 100 years.

"I could not in my wildest dreams envisage any member or their guests ever wishing to come into the Stewards' Enclosure wearing a carrot outfit," Robert Treharne Jones, regatta spokesman, said. "That is the way members want it. Down the years there have never been calls for the dress code to be relaxed."

The rules that men must wear trousers, jackets and some form of neckwear and that women's hemlines must be at or below the knee only operate inside the Stewards' Enclosure, although the regatta owns a large portion of adjoining land.

Mr Treharne Jones said there were no restrictions on people in other areas, although face painting and fancy dress outfits had generally not caught on at Henley. Most people still wore formal clothes to enter into the spirit of the event, he said, although there were some T-shirts and shorts to be seen.

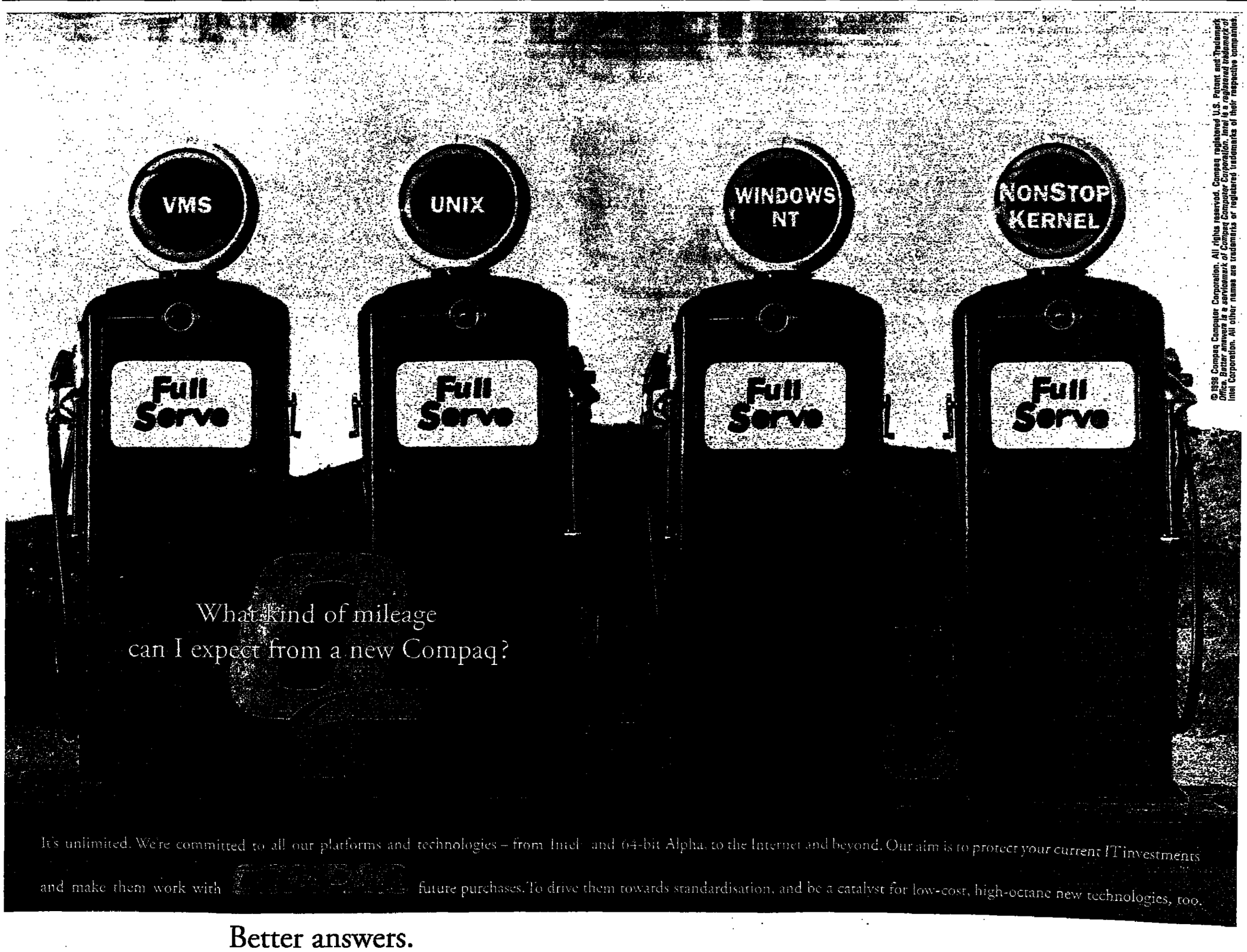
The crews, however, have become much more adventurous this year, sporting a variety of eye-catching ideas. They include a crew from Canford School in Dorset who cut their hair short and dyed the remains bright yellow. Another from Newcastle University is wearing black streaks, and a crew from Molesey Boat Club in Surrey has chosen a leopard look: yellow hair with brown spots.

Mr Treharne Jones added: "The only restriction applied to the crews is that they must be in the colours of the club under which they are entered."

OH I SAY ... WIMBLEDON IS ON BEST BEHAVIOUR

The genteel air of the Wimbledon tennis championships is rarely spoilt by misbehaviour among spectators. In 1914 there was "discontent" over the price of tea and cake being raised from 5d to 6d. In 1972, Jimmy Connors' mother was ejected for shouting obscenities at her son's opponent. A decade later, cushions, programmes and other objects were thrown onto the court when a nailbiting women's singles final was suspended because of poor light. Wimbledon rules forbid spectators from smoking a pipe or cigar, taking "babes in arms" on court and applauding when a player hits the ball into the net. Richard Greer, the championships' director, said: "We rarely have problems with members of the public." The reason is that only a small proportion of tickets is sold to the public; most go to tennis club members, debenture holders and their families.

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Boy, 14, guilty of killing friend in Ecstasy prank

Discovery of hidden stash led to tablets being shared in 'act of bravado', writes Shirley English

A BOY aged 14 who found a stash of Ecstasy tablets and shared them with friends "like sweets" escaped a custodial sentence yesterday after admitting culpable homicide.

One of the boy's friends, Andrew Woodlock, 13, of New Stevenston, Lanarkshire, became Britain's youngest known Ecstasy victim when he died last June as a result of taking the drug. The boy convicted of giving it to him cannot be named for legal reasons.

After swallowing one pill, Andrew began hitting his head against a fence. He took two more the following day and was found by his mother clawing his face and hair. He was violently sick and had an insatiable thirst, later collapsing into a coma from which he never recovered. His life support machine was switched off after five days.

Yesterday the teenager who gave him the drugs, in what was described by the judge as an act of bravado, was told that his case will now be dealt with by the children's hearing system.

A second accused, Alexander Macfarlane, 23, of Motherwell, was jailed for six years at the High Court in Edinburgh after admitting being concerned with the supply of Ecstasy and cannabis. He said that he had provided a "safe house" for the drugs. He gave himself up to police after learning of Andrew's death. The court was told that the boy, who was 13 when the death occurred, was "genuinely remorseful" and horrified about what had happened. He also pleaded guilty to offering the drugs to two girls, aged 15 and 14, and another 13-year-old boy.

The judge, Lord Kirkwood, said he believed that the boy had found the drugs, worth £30,000, in a bedroom when he was looking for something else and had showed them to his friends in an act of bravado designed to impress his peers.

"However, taking the drugs to your friends led to the death of Andrew Woodlock. This case demonstrates once again the dangers of Ecstasy. The consumption of relatively small amounts of the drug can have fatal consequences," the judge said.

The accused's solicitor said that his actions had been a "single episode of boyhood experimentation which led to a tragedy". He had become a virtual recluse for months after the tragedy and was often found by his mother in a depressed state and crying.

After the hearing, Andrew's mother, Phyllis, 35, had a brief, emotional meeting with the teenager and his family. Outside the court she said she told him that she did not blame him for her son's death. Instead she called for minimum 20-year sentences for drug dealers.

She said: "What's the point in ruining two young boys' lives? People can get filled with bitterness and anger but that won't bring Andrew back."

She added that it was ridiculous that the boy had been charged with culpable homicide. "It should have been the person who supplied the drugs," she said. "I want to see the law changed so there is a minimum 20 years for drug dealing. A lot of dealers just say they are holding drugs for others."

Mrs Woodlock is campaigning for better drugs education in schools and has spoken to the parents of Leah Betts, who died from taking Ecstasy on her 18th birthday.

Yesterday Janet Betts, from Chelmsford, Essex, said that the boy who supplied Andrew Woodlock would have to learn to live with his death. "It worries me but doesn't surprise me that kids as young as this can get hold of Ecstasy. They all know where to find it, it's like adults popping out for fags," she said.

DAVE HOLLINS



Alison Norris, left, with Geraldine Eardley, to whom she has donated a kidney

Women defy the odds in kidney transplant

BY A CORRESPONDENT

A WOMAN has been given a new lease of life after her friend donated her a kidney. The hospital had put their chances of compatibility at a million to one.

Geraldine Eardley, 45, had faced years of dialysis treatment after doctors diagnosed kidney failure. Alison Norris, 50, secretly approached the doctors about the possibility of a transplant and was told that, normally, a donor would have to be a blood relative. Mrs Norris asked to be tested — and her tissue emerged as a match for Mrs Eardley's.

Over a cup of tea, Mrs Norris told her friend what had been going on. Mrs Eardley said yesterday: "I just burst into tears of happiness. It was the most wonderful thing anyone had ever done for me. We have been close friends for more than 16 years, but Alison's offer to give me one of her kidneys was overwhelming."

The kidney transplant was carried out at the University Hospital of Wales in Cardiff six weeks ago. It was the first in Wales in which the donor and patient were not related.

Mrs Eardley, an art teacher, said: "I felt better almost immediately after the operation. Alison came to see me in hospital and it was incredibly emotional. Saying thank you seemed totally inadequate. It has totally changed my life. I'm amazed at how well I feel. It's been a shared experience but I still think of it as Alison's kidney."

The two women, who each have two teenage daughters, met in 1982 when they joined a babysitting circle in their home town of Penarth. In 1994 Mrs Eardley was found to have kidney failure and put on a dialysis machine three times a week.

Her husband, Owen, had wanted to donate a kidney but his tissue type did not match. Ms Norris, a supply teacher, said: "One day I went to visit Geraldine in hospital while she was on dialysis and I just knew I had to do something to help."

She said that she had had tremendous support from her husband and daughters. "I wasn't worried at all. It seemed the most natural thing in the world. I just wanted to do something to make things better."

Both teachers have been told by doctors to stay away from school until September in case of infection. Karen Morgan, transplant co-ordinator at Cardiff Royal Infirmary, said: "It is extremely rare for two unrelated people to match. The operating team is very pleased the transplant has been a success. It was a marvellous gesture between two friends."

Faster test for Down's syndrome

A NEW test for Down's syndrome could reduce parents' anxious wait for the results from 15 days to just one (Nigel Hawkes writes).

Researchers at Heartlands Hospital, Birmingham, used the technique in a study of 2,083 expectant mothers.

Like the traditional test, it requires a sample of amniotic fluid, which surrounds the baby in the womb. But instead of culturing the cells, the researchers used a technique for copying tiny amounts of DNA called polymerase chain reaction. This allows DNA to be "amplified" so that the telltale genetic markers of Down's can be identified.

The test correctly showed that 30 of the mothers were carrying Down's babies. The doctors said that it may become possible to use only a blood sample for the test.

Transplant risk in tumour death

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

LIVER transplants from brain tumour victims can pass on the cancer, German doctors report today.

The finding raises the question of whether people who die from brain tumours should be used as a source of donor organs, as they are at present. The use of such organs clearly carries some risk, but doctors are loathe to turn them down when donor organs are in such short supply.

In *The Lancet*, Stephan Frank and colleagues from the Technical University of Dresden tell the story of a 29-year-old with liver failure who needed a transplant. It came from a 47-year-old woman who died from a brain tumour. The recipients of her kidneys were lucky: more than four years after the operation, both are doing well, with no sign of cancer. But the 29-year-old who was given the liver was less fortunate. Five months after the operation the recipient — the sex is not revealed — began to deteriorate and soon died from widespread cancer.

This is not the first example of a cancer accidentally transplanted, as Patrick Healey and Connie Davis, of the University of Washington Medical Center, discuss in the same issue of the journal. However, they say patients with brain tumours should not necessarily be rejected as donors, as are those with other kinds of tumours. To exclude those with brain tumours would cut the few organs available for transplant by 1 per cent.

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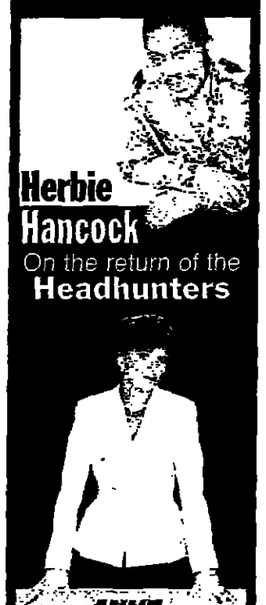
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'I don't want Diana's garden in my back yard'

New laws to protect vanishing hedgerows

By Michael Hornsby, Agriculture Correspondent

BRITAIN'S 232,000 miles of hedgerows, which are being dug up at a rate of more than 2,100 miles a year, are to receive stronger legal protection under proposals announced by the Government yesterday.

Michael Meacher, the Environment Minister, said that he planned regulations broadening and simplifying the criteria for deciding which hedges should be preserved. He indicated that he was in favour of extending from six to eight weeks the notice that farmers and landowners must give to local authorities of an intent to remove a hedge.

In addition, the Government would consider whether the Environment Act of 1995 should be amended to let local authorities, rather than ministers, "determine which hedgerows in their area are important and worthy of protection".

Before new regulations were introduced, he said, research would be carried out to provide a reliable estimate of what percentage of hedgerows the proposals would be likely to protect. "Hedgerows are a much-loved part of our countryside heritage, and a habitat rich in biodiversity," Mr Meacher said. "And yet the last survey, in 1993, showed that over 3,500 kilometres [2,100 miles] were being grubbed out each year."

The announcement received a qualified welcome from conservation groups, which sat with farmers and landowners on the working party that submitted the proposals to the Government. Elizabeth Cooper, of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, said: "The proposals are a step in the right direction, but inevitably, in attempting to reconcile conflicting interests, they are a compromise and do not go as far as we would like.

"Many types of field boundary will still be left unprotected and, given the leisurely pace at which the Government is proceeding, it could be 18 months to two years before any new regulations or legislation take effect."

Existing regulations, introduced by the previous Conservative Government, set out complicated and narrowly drawn historical, archaeological and ecological criteria for identifying hedgerows deemed worthy of preservation. It is estimated that only about a fifth of hedgerows qualify.

The new proposals would allow local authorities to protect hedges that do not meet these strict criteria but are nonetheless regarded as an attractive and indispensable part of the regional landscape.

Conservation groups would like protection to be extended to other types of traditional field boundaries, such as the earth and stone banks topped by gorse found in Cornwall, dry-stone walls and ditches and dykes.

Historically, hedges were created to enclose fields of a size that could be worked by a horse or a man on foot. Modern machinery, such as combine harvesters, require much larger fields if they are to be used efficiently.

Last month Ian Prior, of Vowchurch, Hereford and Worcester, became the first landowner taken to court under present regulations. He was fined £2,000 and ordered to pay £4,000 in legal costs for removing nearly half a mile of medieval hedgerow.

PHIL MONCKTON



New recruit is a first for Penlee lifeboat

Val Mainwaring, a paramedic, is the first female member of the Penlee lifeboat in Cornwall (Peter Foster writes). The mother of four joined the crew when she moved to Cornwall last August and has been on training missions since October. The lifeboat lost all eight members of its crew when they tried to rescue the freighter *Union Star* in December 1981. Mrs Mainwaring said of her colleagues: "I thought they might be a bit hostile but they have been very welcoming and are always prepared to teach me things." Mrs Mainwaring, who is in her early 40s and from Manchester, was on duty when the city's IRA bomb went off. She said: "You get to see most things in an inner city hospital's accident and emergency unit. I hope my medical skills will be useful for the lifeboat service." At 5ft 8in tall, and weighing 12 stone, she said she was well equipped to meet the challenges. "I'm certainly not a weak little thing .fs2. but I do get my leg pulled — some people call me Captain Mainwaring." The Royal National Lifeboat Institution said there were about 200 female crew in a total of 4,000 nationwide. Neil Brockman, the coxswain of *Mabel Alice*, said: "When I think she's ready to go on a shout, she'll go on a shout. If she's not, she won't. That would be the same if she were a man or a woman."

Poison fear from woodworm treatment

By Nick Nuttall
Environment Correspondent

A SCIENTIST wants a ban on an insecticide used to treat woodworm after research showed that the chemical can linger in the home for several years.

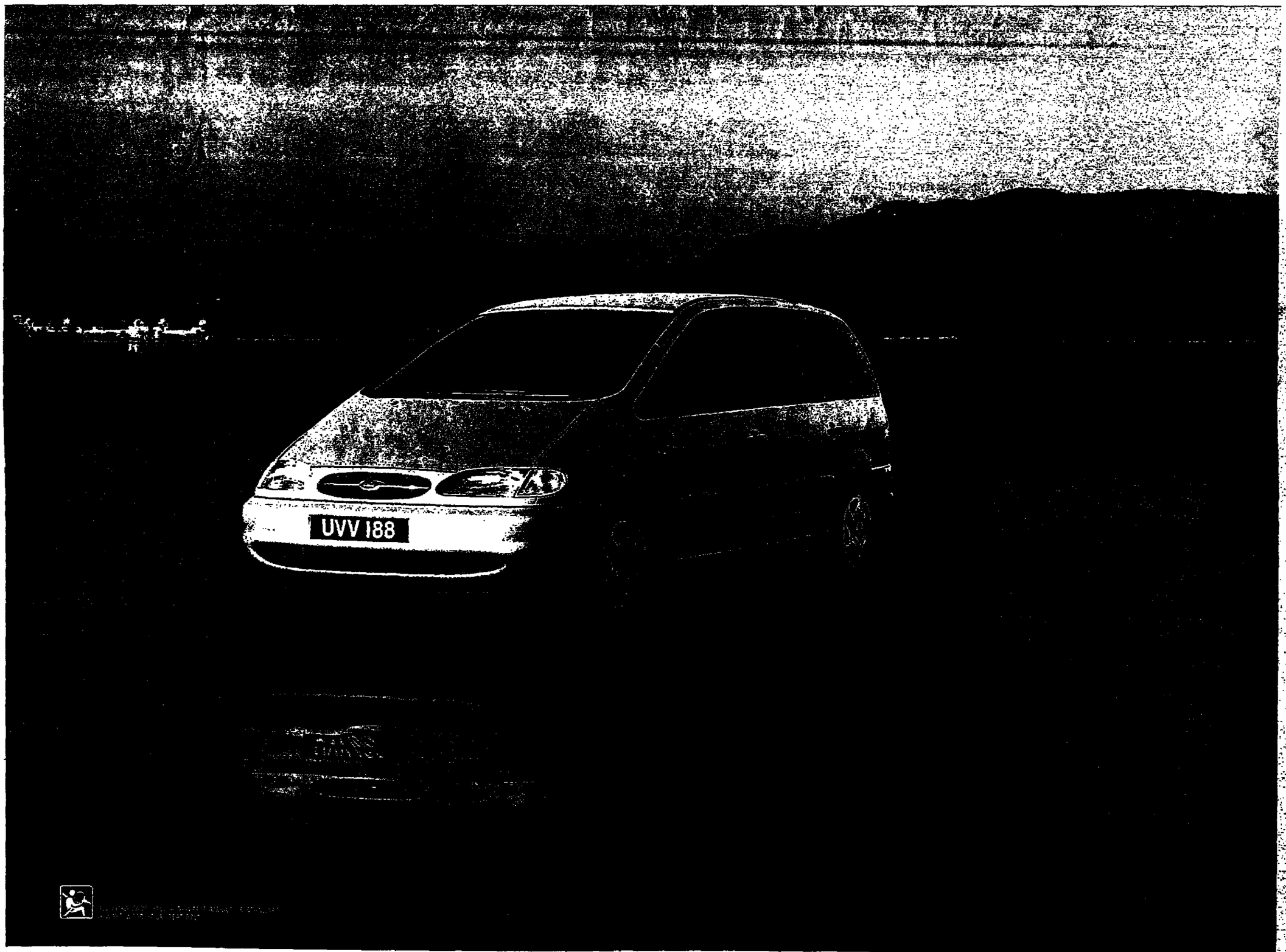
Pest control companies use permethrin on suspected infestations in homes, a treatment backed by the Government's Health and Safety Executive. They say that the chemical, which has been linked to skin, throat and eye irritation, birth defects, cancer and problems of the nervous system, falls to safe levels in the air eight hours after application.

Jeff Howell, of South Bank University in London, an expert on wood and damp problems in houses, said yesterday: "British safety tests only look at the concentration in the air. But new German research has shown that breathing in the fumes is not the problem. Skin contact and eating contaminated food are far more significant routes for poisoning. The Germans have found that house dust picks up permethrin from the floors and deposits it on tables and other food preparation surfaces. Concentrations on tables in treated buildings remain high for at least two years."

Dr Howell said the treatment should be banned pending more research and studies on effects to health. "Hundreds of thousands of British homes have been sprayed with this chemical and now it seems it is not safe," he said.

Dr Howell, senior lecturer in construction science, said it was unlikely that banning the chemical would cause damage. Because of central heating, most modern homes were too dry for woodworm to survive. The new research has been carried out by the Fraunhofer Institute of Toxicology and Aerosol Research in Hanover on behalf of the German Federal Health Agency. It followed 250 suspected cases of permethrin poisoning.

A spokeswoman for the Health and Safety Executive said it believed permethrin was safe. She said the executive worked closely with the industry and had had no reports of ill effects in the past two years.



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Football 'hard man' escapes jail for assault

BY RICHARD DUCE

VINNIE JONES, the international footballer with a reputation as a hard man on the field, was spared a jail sentence yesterday after attacking a neighbour.

Jones, 33, the Queens Park Rangers player and assistant manager, who also plays for Wales, was ordered to carry out 100 hours of community service and to pay fines, costs and compensation totalling £1,165 for punching, kicking and biting Timothy Gear. Piers Read, his lawyer, earlier told the court that Jones would inevitably have been sacked by QPR had he been jailed.

Jones emerged from St Albans Magistrates' Court to say that, since the attack, the worry about the future both for him and his wife, Tanya, had been terrible. He said: "I just want to get on with my life and enjoy my training."

Through Mr Read, he had offered a courtroom apology to Mr Gear, a riding instructor, whom he attacked last year in Redbourn, Hertfordshire. Mr Gear, who was in court, said later that he accepted the apology and echoed Jones's words: "I just want to get on with my life."



Gear: he accepted courtroom apology

Mr Read said Jones had moved house to Hemel Hempstead "specifically to avoid anything like this happening again". He added: "He has made one mistake in life, which brings him to this court for sentence today. He has made a significant career for himself in the football world. He has a reputation in terms of that football career."

Referring to Jones's reputation on the pitch, Mr Read told the magistrates: "I hope you would accept that his sporting reputation is something he leaves at work when he goes home."

Jones was convicted at an earlier hearing of assault and criminal damage after Mr Gear had removed a stile that the footballer had placed across a public footpath. He was ordered to pay £400 compensation to Mr Gear for the attack and was also fined £300 for criminal damage with £65 compensation for damage to Mr Gear's mobile home, along with £400 costs.

The court was told that Jones, who does a lot of work for the children's sports charity Sparks, donated the fee he received for starring in a recent film to the charity. Mr Read also said that the footballer gave a lot of his time to Harefield Hospital, where his wife had a heart transplant operation ten years ago.

Hertfordshire Probation Service said arrangements were being made to decide how Jones should perform the community service. It is likely to start within the next ten working days.

Queens Park Rangers declined to comment about the case or the sentence.

GLENN COPUS



Vinnie Jones, with his wife, Tanya, leaving court yesterday "to get on with my life"

Dead soldier's family given trial pledge

BY DANIEL MCGRORY

THE father of a British soldier beaten to death in Croatia won a promise yesterday that his alleged killers would be brought to trial.

Private Simon Jeans, 25, was attacked just after finishing a charity run to raise money for child victims of the civil war. The Gulf War veteran was beaten over the head with an iron bar in the Croatian resort of Split.

Police arrested five suspects soon after the assault in September 1996, but no further action was taken. Yesterday, however, Private Jeans's father, Terry, met Andrija Kojakovic, the Croatian Ambassador in London, and was assured that the accused would go on trial in October.

Mr Kojakovic said he would help Mr Jeans to attend the trial. Last night Mr Jeans, of Gosport, Hampshire, said: "The fight is not over to get justice for Simon, but I feel very happy that we are getting somewhere."

He felt that army chiefs and the Foreign Office had forgotten his son's murder. Frustrated by what he called a diplomatic brush-off, he sought help from his MP, the Tory Peter Viggers. Mr Viggers said: "We hope that, after such a long delay, we will now see justice take its course, which is all Mr Jeans wants."

Private Jeans and four colleagues were set upon by a mob after leaving a bar in Split. Police said that the soldiers had not been drunk or unruly.

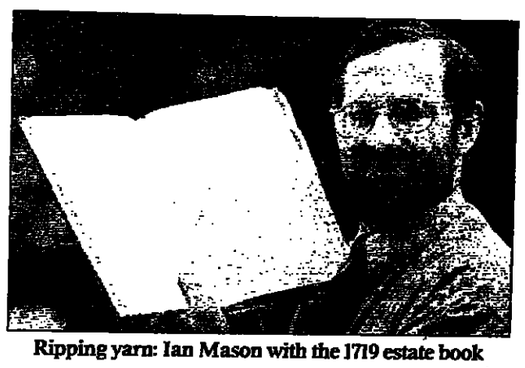
Private Jeans, who was married with a young 20-month-old son, was flown to Britain a week afterwards and appeared to be recovering. But he went into a coma and died two days later.

The soldier was a driver in the Royal Logistical Corps and was in the former Yugoslavia with the Nato peacekeeping forces in Bosnia. He was normally based in the Bosnian capital, Sarajevo, but had crossed the border to take part in a half-marathon for disabled children who had been evacuated.

Croatian diplomats explained that the trial had been delayed because one of the accused was a minor and the judge had been seriously injured in a car crash. It is believed that one of the accused is an influential figure in the Croatian security forces.

The ambassador said that he had been in contact with the legal authorities in Split, which had promised that there would be no further delays.

Pages of history reveal a class struggle down at Emmerdale



Ripping yarn: Ian Mason with the 1719 estate book

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A BARONET and his *nouveau riche* neighbour traded insults and threats in a boundary dispute near the village that is best known as television's *Emmerdale*.

Their clash seems like a plot for a soap opera or a court case, but it has come to light in newly uncovered documents from 1719. Sir Walter Calverley, who could trace his family back to the Norman Conquest, scorned Henry Marsden, who owned neighbouring land around Bradford, because his grandfather was "only a common attorney".

Their feud, which led to an armed confrontation across a disputed moorland line, is told in close-packed copperplate script in a leather-bound memorandum book given for safe-keeping to the West Yorkshire Archive Service. Ian Mason, the principal archivist, believes the book, one of a number of estate records from Sir Walter's home, Esholt Manor Court, was probably written by his steward. The estate workers' village of Esholt, just north of Bradford, is more familiar today as the former setting for *Emmerdale*.

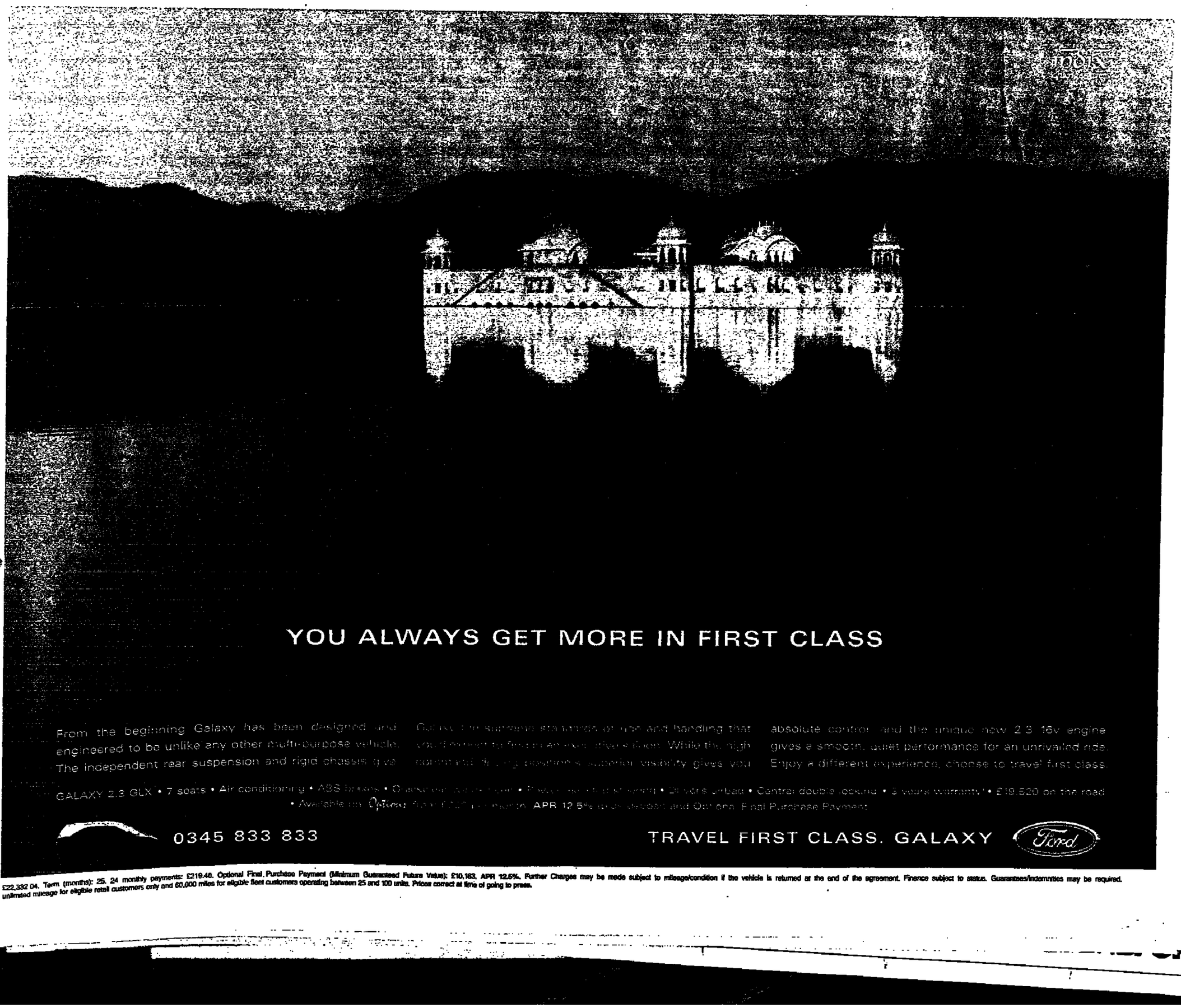
Mr Mason said: "It's quite rare to come across evidence like this of a feud which we didn't know anything about. The account suggests it was a long-standing disagreement. They were two very important local families, who owned large properties and were lords of their manors. It was a lot bigger than the modern-day dispute over a hedge."

The initial cause of the row was Sir Walter's distress at what he knew as Calverley Moor being called Bradford Moor by locals. The baronet set up a stone marking the edge of his land at one end of a right of way across the moor above Leeds. Marsden was so incensed by this apparent annexation of what he claimed as his territory that he led a party of relatives and friends wielding iron mallets to rip out the stone and smash it. Sir Walter had been tipped off and lay in wait with his supporters. He warned his opponents that they were "in his liberty and at their perils". Fortunately, the two sides contented themselves with swapping insults.

Marsden said: "I am not afraid of the baronet's patents and I will buy one myself." Sir Walter retorted: "Your family are not worth the honour. Your grandfather was only a common attorney and the first rise of his family."

Eventually Marsden's group backed down, after walking the length of his boundary in a symbolic gesture. In August of the following year, Sir Walter won a trespass action at York Assizes. The jury awarded him £130 damages, after a site visit at the expense of both litigants, including free dinner at the Gaping Goose tavern in Idle.

Subsequently, Sir Walter's son rebuilt their house, which is now uses as offices by Yorkshire Water. Its elegant gardens are surrounded by a sewage farm. Esholt was used for filming *Emmerdale* by the Yorkshire TV until recently, when pressure from tourists forced recording to be moved to a purpose-built set ten miles away in the private grounds of Harewood House, the home of the Queen's cousin, Lord Harewood.



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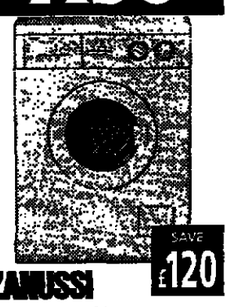
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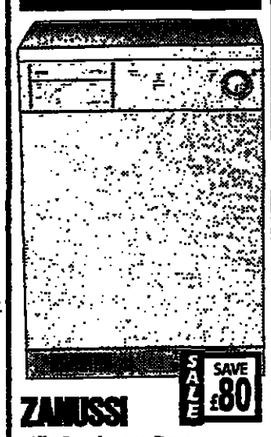


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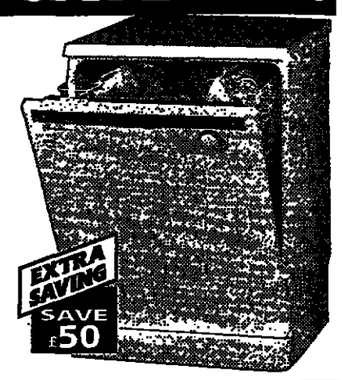
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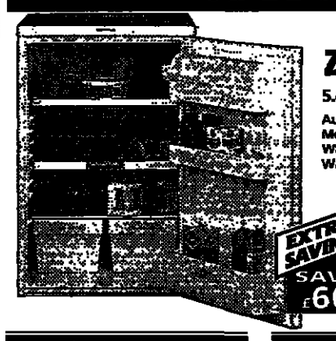
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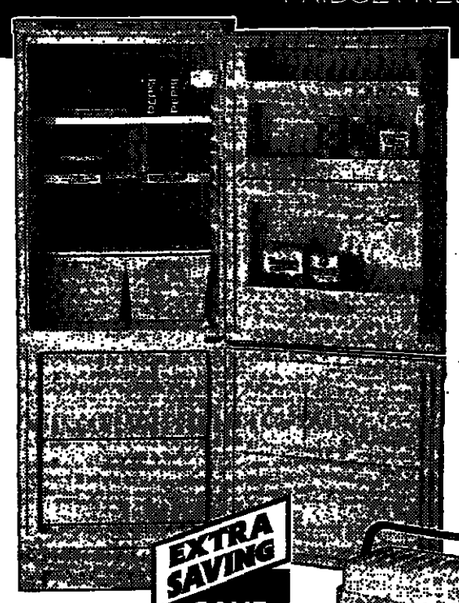
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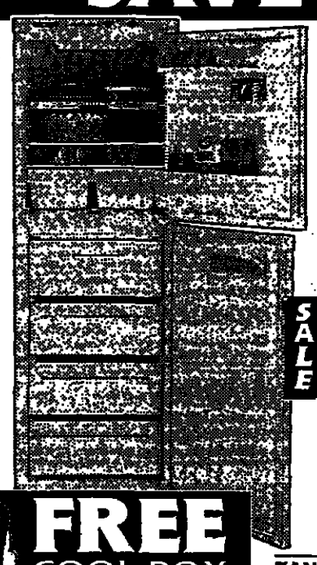
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Funeral director accused of theft

BY A CORRESPONDENT

AN UNDERTAKER who buried and cremated the wrong bodies has also been charged with stealing a ring worth £10,500.

David Turner, 54, is accused of stealing the solitaire diamond ring owned by an unknown person between a date unknown and May 16 this year. Police confirmed in May that he had mistakenly buried Edith Kemp, 97, in a grave meant to be the last resting place of 58-year-old Sheila Gent.

Three days later, in January last year, David Turner Funeral Services in Thetford, Norfolk, cremated the body of Mrs Gent at a service for Mrs Kemp. Police investigated after a former employee made allegations.

Mr Turner was charged with dishonestly obtaining £1,282 from Mrs Gent's husband, Maurice, by falsely representing that he had buried her and dishonestly obtaining £1,144 from Arthur Davis by falsely representing that his relative, Mrs Kemp, had been cremated.

Mr Turner, of Rushford, near Thetford, was also charged under the 1902 Cremation Act with creating an incorrect plaque. He was to have faced the charges and another relating to the ring at Thetford Magistrates' Court today, but failed to attend. The case was adjourned until July 23. Mr Turner was given unconditional bail.

CSA reform will cut income for third of parents

Harriet Harman aims to simplify calculations for levy on absent fathers, reports Alexandra Frean

NEARLY a third of single parents will be worse off under proposals to reform the Child Support Agency and to simplify maintenance awards.

Harriet Harman, the Social Security Secretary, will announce on Monday plans to replace the CSA's complex formula for calculating maintenance payments with a fixed rate based on a percentage of the absent parent's income.

Ministers believe that 70 per cent of single parents with care of a child or children will be better off under the new system. For the 30 per cent whose income is expected to fall, they are proposing a system of transitional relief that will limit the reduction in income to £5 a week a year until the revised level is reached.

Also, to persuade more mothers to co-operate with the CSA by naming an absent father, the Government is considering offering a benefits "disregard" worth about £10 a week. This would ensure that women receiving income support would be better off as a result of getting maintenance from their absent partner.

Downing Street officials were said last night to be "finesse-ing" the package of reforms in the Green Paper to be presented to the Commons on Monday. One draft suggested that absent parents would pay 12 per cent of their net income in maintenance for a first child and 5 per cent each for second and third children.

The main aim of the Green Paper is to simplify a system of assessment, begun in 1991, which is now acknowledged to be too complicated. Ministers believe it is absurd that 90 per cent of the CSA's time is spent on making assessments and just 10 per cent on enforcing payment.

The idea of a family court system to deal with maintenance disputes, which some CSA critics claim would be more responsive, has been rejected by ministers because of the large workload. Officials estimate that there will be one million cases on the CSA's books by 2001.

Archy Kirkwood, Liberal Democrat chairman of the Commons Social Security Select Committee, welcomed the principle of a fixed-rate system for maintenance. "It would enable everyone to be much clearer about what is going to happen to them and allow the agency to concentrate on enforcement," he said. The committee is to set up an inquiry into the Green Paper to ensure wide consultation.

But David Rendel, the Liberal Democrat social security spokesman, said that the party was opposed to a fixed formula. He called for the CSA to be replaced with a family court or tribunal system and described the proposals as "a cheap and dirty solution which is not going to work".

David Hinchliffe, Labour chairman of the Health Select Committee, said that the proposals would largely address the problems but he emphasised the need for a "fairly immediate" appeals mechanism. He employs a researcher virtually full-time to deal solely with CSA complaints in his Wakefield constituency.

A spokeswoman for the National Council for One-Parent Families said: "We welcome the principle of a simplified formula but the percentage would need to be high enough to ensure that children are adequately provided for."



The surface of Io, showing volcanoes as dark eruptions with rings around them

Hottest spots in the solar system

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

VOLCANOES on one of Jupiter's moons spew lava at temperatures greater than any planetary body in the solar system, the *Galileo* spacecraft has discovered.

At least 12 different vents on Io produce lava at more than 2,200F, while one is as hot as 3,100F, astronomers report in this week's issue of *Science*.

Around these hotspots Io's surface is bitterly cold, minus 243F, because it is so far from the Sun.

Io's interior is being heated by the constant changes of shape it experiences as it orbits Jupiter. The other moons, Europa and Ganymede, pull it into an eccentric orbit so that it alternately passes close to Jupiter, then swings far away.

The effect, says James Head, of Brown University, is to heat Io just as metal heats when it is bent constantly to and fro. To release the heat from its interior, Io has developed volcanoes, shown in *Galileo*'s image as dark spots.

The process going on in Io may be very similar to those in the early history of the Earth and Venus, and may help us to understand how the Earth evolved, according to Alfred McEwen, of the University of Arizona, the lead author.

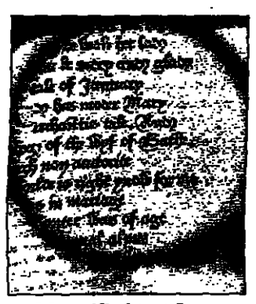
Chaucer's tales may fetch £½m at auction

BY JIM MCCUE

A VOLUME of Chaucer printed by Caxton and known as the first great printed book of English poetry is expected to fetch more than £500,000 at auction next Wednesday. The Rockingham copy of *The Canterbury Tales* (1476-77) is perhaps the finest surviving from the first edition of Chaucer's masterpiece.

Caxton brought printing to England from the Continent, where he had been a wool merchant and diplomat, and set up shop in the grounds of Westminster Abbey. Notable for printing in the vernacular, rather than in classical languages, he published four other books of Chaucer's poetry. *The Canterbury Tales* was so successful that he published a second edition, with woodcuts, in 1484. He also printed the first edition of Malory.

The Chaucer is being sold at Christie's by the Fitzwilliam family of Wentworth Woodhouse, South Yorkshire, with pictures, furniture, silver and seven other rare early books.



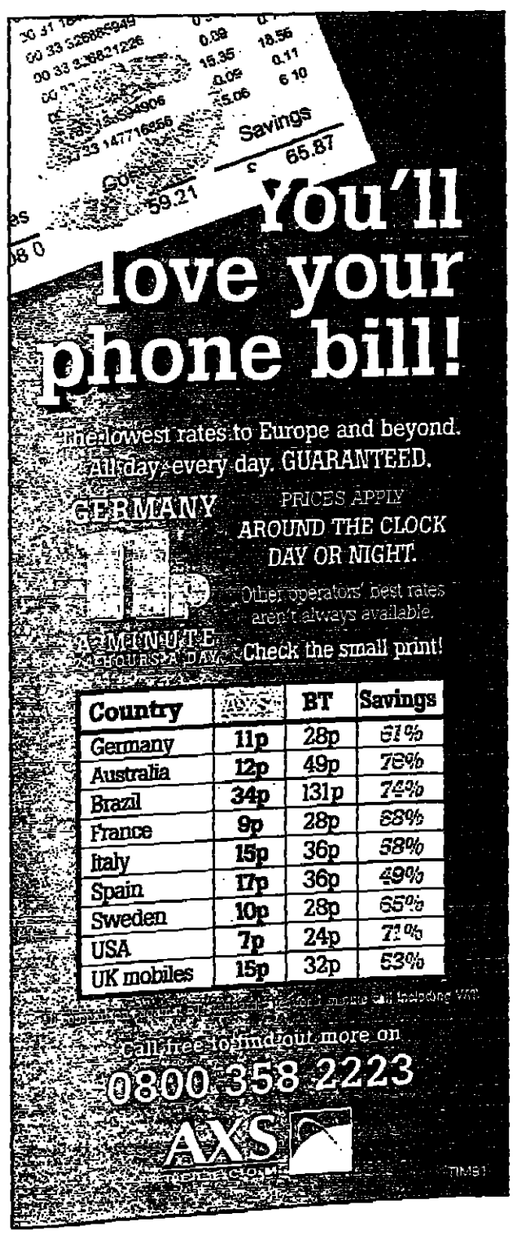
Magnified text from the *Wife of Bath*

The collections were built primarily by two remarkable politicians: the 1st Earl of Strafford (1589-1641), who was Charles I's Lord Lieutenant in Ireland, and his great-great grandson, the 2nd Marquess of Rockingham (1730-82), who was the patron of Edmund Burke and twice Prime Minister. A Van Dyke portrait of Strafford's presumed mistress will feature in the sale and is expected to make about £3 million.

Rockingham bought *The Canterbury Tales* at Christie's in 1776. At the same sale, his agent bought Caxton's translation of *The Doctrinal of Sapience*, which is estimated to fetch £40,000 to £60,000. Caxton had begun to study the art of printing to distribute his translation of the *Recuyell of the Historyes of Troye*, the first book printed in English (Bruges, 1473-74), which is estimated at up to £400,000.

In the 1760s, Rockingham commissioned Stubbs to paint his Arab horse Whistlejacket at near life-size. The painting was acquired by the National Gallery from Wentworth last year as part of the current dispersals. Wednesday's sale is expected to realise up to £10 million.





Channel 4 shows first gay drama series

BY CAROL MIDGLEY
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH television is to have its first gay drama series as part of Channel 4's renewed drive to cater for minority audiences.

The series, which insiders say will be similar to BBC2's award-winning drama *This Life*, is likely to include bedroom scenes, but will be screened after the 9pm watershed. It will be set in Manchester and will focus on the lives of three gay men. Channel 4 says it will be a positive portrayal of gay life in contemporary Britain.

Earlier this year the Independent Television Commission accused Channel 4, the channel created to be different, of losing "some of its innovative drive".

Gub Neal, Channel 4's Head of Drama, said: "It is a wonderfully refreshing take on the gay world. There are an awful lot of gays out there who are having a great time. This will not be about people having Aids; it is a celebration of gay life."

The unnamed eight-part series will be produced by Nicky Schindler, maker of Jimmy McGovern's *Hillsborough*, and written by Russell T. Davies, who helped to devise Granada's recent drama *The Grand*. It will be screened next year.

☐ The new series of the satirical comedy *Drop the Dead Donkey*, starting this autumn, will be its last, Channel 4 has confirmed. It is understood that the writers have decided that, after six series, the show has run its course.

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Blair promises eight years of higher NHS spending

BY JILL SHERMAN
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR promised yesterday to increase spending on the health service above inflation for at least another eight years. But he emphasised that the money would be linked to a modernisation programme designed to lift standards in hospitals and end the delays faced by patients at every stage of their treatment.

"People know that hospitals work round the clock but they still sometimes feel that the instant access, seven-day, 24-hour world that they normally live in appears to have passed the NHS by," he said.

"People are fed up with waiting. They wait for a GP appointment. They wait in the GP surgery. They wait for a prescription. They wait for outpatients. They wait to have tests . . . That's got to end."

Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, has already promised above-inflation increases for the NHS for the next three years. The spending review, to be published in two weeks, is expected to provide between £8 billion and £10 billion extra for the NHS.

Yesterday Mr Blair went further by promising "sustainable year-on-year increases for the foreseeable future". Officials later conceded that this would cover the whole of the next Parliament.

Mr Blair, in a speech to mark the 50th anniversary of the service, said: "I want an NHS with the confidence that its funding will allow it to plan ahead, to be creative — develop services in a knowledge that they will be there today and in the years ahead."

He announced a new NHS modernisation fund, from which health trusts and GP practices would be able to bid for money to become "beacons of excellence", providing the highest standards of care and testing innovative practice. They would qualify for extra money over their annual allocation. Where a particular pilot project was successful, the fund would finance its extension across the country.

The fund, which would form a "substantial proportion of the NHS budget", would be used to bring new technology and equipment to the NHS, reduce waiting lists, refurbish hospitals and GP surgeries and pay for better training of staff.

But the new settlement would come at a price. "That price is the change necessary to make money work. It is a contract to renew the NHS: investment for reform; money for modernisation."

Mr Blair made clear that he intended to apply the same rigorous standards to hospitals as had been applied to schools. At present there were "huge variations in efficiency and quality".

The challenge for the NHS was to harness the information revolution and use to benefit patients. He outlined a vision for the future in which doctors would be consulted via the Internet or interactive television, and heart monitoring could be done by phone.

Health managers welcomed his speech but said that the NHS had been starved of funds and needed at least £10 billion over the next three years merely to survive.

And Anne Widdecombe, Shadow Health Secretary, said: "Don't let Britain be fooled. This money is not new money, it's simply catching-up money. It's a fact, independently verifiable, that at least £8 billion needs to be spent just to match the Conservatives' average increases in health spending during our time in government."

☐ The Prince of Wales will join 1,800 people at Westminster Abbey at noon today for a service to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the NHS. The congregation will include hospital staff from throughout Britain, and former staff who joined the NHS in 1948.

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ROSIE HALLAM



Tony Blair speaking in London yesterday. He said people were "fed up of waiting" at every stage of NHS treatment

Labour MPs plan arms case revolt

BY NICHOLAS WATT

A GROUP of Labour MPs is planning to revolt against the Government next week in a Commons debate linked to the arms-to-Africa affair.

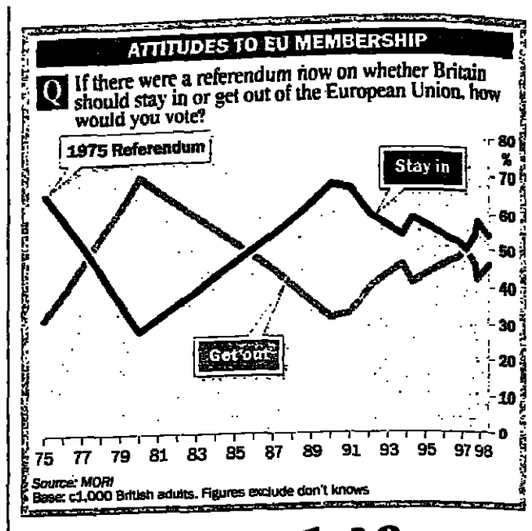
The backbench dissidents plan to vote with the Tories to register their anger with Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, over his refusal to co-operate with an inquiry by an all-party Commons committee.

One of the MPs said yesterday: "This is a point of principle and goes to the heart of the right of Parliament to scrutinise the executive. I will be voting for Parliament."

The rebellion is planned for the end of a Tory-initiated debate on Tuesday on the Government's refusal to co-operate with the Foreign Affairs Select Committee. Mr Cook infuriated the committee this week when he asked its members to end their cross-examination of Sir John Kerr, the Head of the Diplomatic Service. The MPs ignored his request.

The committee has also been angered by the Government's refusal to allow a Commons debate on allegations of British complicity in the illegal supply of arms to Sierra Leone. Ministers say such a debate would prejudice the independent inquiry into the affair.

The Tories accused the Government of arrogance in trying to prevent any debate on the matter before the summer recess.



Blair's shift on Europe fails to sway the voters

BY PETER RIDDELL

YOUNGER people, men, professionals and managers, optimists about the economy, Labour supporters and readers of quality/broadsheet papers are much more likely to favour Britain's membership of the European Union than older people, women, manual workers, pessimists about the economy, Tories and readers of popular/tabloid papers, according to the latest MORI poll for *The Times*.

Overall, more people continue to believe that Britain should stay in the EU than should get out — by a 54 to 46 per cent margin. This is after deducting 13 per cent don't knows. The net balance in favour of staying in of plus 8 points is less than the plus 16 of last November, but is otherwise in the upper end of the range of the past four years.

Consequently, despite the more overtly pro-European stance of the Blair Government over the past 14 months, there has been little change in the overall balance of public opinion on Europe. With polls still showing that a majority opposes Britain joining a single currency, this suggests that Tony Blair and Gordon Brown still have a lot of work to do to win a majority in any referendum on the issue and they will need to offer a positive lead.

The poll, undertaken last weekend, reveals that just 42 per cent could identify Britain as the country which held the presidency of the EU from January until the end of June. This is less than the 45 per cent saying they don't know. Some 8 per cent named either France or Germany. The poll also shows how attitudes towards Europe vary substantially. Although 18 to 34-year-olds make up 34 per cent of the adult population, just 26 per cent of those wanting Britain to leave the EU come from this age group. Similarly, while the middle classes make up 49 per cent of adults, they account for 43 per cent of those wanting Britain to leave the EU. By contrast, an above-average proportion of those wanting Britain to stay in the EU are 18 to 34-year-olds (37 per cent) and middle class (56 per cent).

The contrasts in the net balance for staying in or getting out are striking. For instance, men are much more favourable than women, plus 13 points against plus 3 points. The net balance declines from plus 40 points in favour of staying in among 18 to 24-year-olds to minus 8 points among those over 55.

Similarly, the net balance declines from plus 37 points among professionals and managers to minus 13 among unskilled workers. Optimists about the economy favour Britain remaining in by a 26-point margin, against minus 10 among pessimists.

Tory supporters want to get out by a 22-point margin, while Labour supporters favour staying in by a 25-point margin, and Liberal Democrats take the same view by a 12-point margin.

Readers of quality/broadsheet papers favour staying in the EU by a 47-point margin, while readers of popular/tabloid papers support getting out by a 10-point margin. Readers of *The Sun* favour getting out by a 17-point margin.

The proportion referring to Europe as among the most important issues facing Britain today has jumped over the past month from 22 to 33 per cent, the highest number of mentions since last October. It is now equal second, with education and unemployment, behind the health service. Equally striking is that Europe is now the single most important issue, mentioned by 22 per cent, ahead of unemployment and health.

☐ *MORI interviewed 926 adults on June 25-30.*

Anti-hunt Bill to die with rest of the pack

BY JAMES LANDALE
POLITICAL REPORTER

ABOUT 50 backbench Bills ranging from a ban on hunting to a curb on frothy pints of beer will be consigned to the parliamentary dustbin today as they finally run out of time in the House of Commons.

Most of the Bills will die when an MP or whip shouts out the single word "object" at 2.30pm on what is the last day allotted in this parliamentary session for Private Member's Bills.

For many MPs it will be a sad moment when a project they have cherished and mastered is lost amid a blizzard of parliamentary procedure. Although the Government will be responsible for killing most of the Bills, particular anger will almost certainly be directed at Eric Forth, the Tory MP for Bromley and Chislehurst, who has developed a notoriety for objecting.

Mr Forth will object to the Energy Efficiency Bill, a measure with all-party support which would force mortgage lenders to show new home owners how to make their new properties more energy efficient. He believes that the Bill would create unnecessary red tape and has not been subject to enough parliamentary scrutiny.

In a letter to *The Times* today, Andrew Warren, Director of the Association for the Conservation of Energy, urges Mr Forth to drop his objection. He writes: "If on Friday Mr Forth again objects to the Bill, he will have demonstrated the idiocy of a system which gives one man the power to block an initiative which continues to have enormous support, both within and without the Commons."

Mr Forth, however, has decided to drop his previous objection to a popular Bill introduced by his Tory colleague, Sir George Young, designed to regulate London mini-cabs.

Tory MPs will spend some time debating the Bills that come up first, such as those regulating fireworks and pesticides, so that no time is left for other measures such as the Wild Mammals (Hunting with Dogs) Bill.

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IN PARLIAMENT

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Scenes from the Old Vic: a poster from 1917, when the theatre was run by Lilian Baylis; Celia Johnson playing Shaw's St Joan; and Laurence Olivier as Richard III

Trust saves Old Vic in £3.5m deal

Theatre's future secured, but £2m is still needed, writes **Dalya Alberge**

THE Old Vic has been saved by a new charitable trust. The owners, Ed Mirvish and his son David, were so determined to see it remain a theatre that they rejected lucrative offers from the commercial sector.

The Mirvishes, who are said to have lost up to £30 million since they bought the theatre 10 years ago, put it on the market last year with an asking price of £7.5 million. Since then the annexe has been sold to the Royal National Theatre for £1.1 million.

The Old Vic, so central to the country's theatrical tradition, was saved at the eleventh hour from possible conversion into a lap-dancing club, pub or shopping centre when it was sold to the newly formed Old Vic Theatre Trust for £3.5 million. The Grade II listed building is 180 years old.

An initial payment of £1.5 million has been made possible by anonymous benefactors: £2 million will need to be raised within 21 months.

David Mirvish said yesterday that he could have got £5 million for the main building but that he had taken note of what the Culture Secretary said at the Olivier Awards in February, when the Mirvishes, who are from Canada, were given an award for their work in restoring and running the building. Chris Smith had pleaded: "Please don't rush into a disposal of the Old Vic — give all the rest of us a chance to come forward with high-quality proposals." Mr Mirvish said yesterday: "I'm glad I listened to the minister . . . I thought that anyone who can get elected was a wise man and we should listen to him. We were patient."

Mr Mirvish added that he would be an honorary trustee. But he added: "I've had my turn. Now it's the turn of the new management."

The trustees, chaired by Alex Bernstein, the former chairman of Granada, will include Stephen Daldry, director of the Royal Court, and Sally Greene, the impresario. She said yesterday that Mr Smith's speech had inspired her to try to save the theatre.

The trust is to be responsible for both the building and the programming. Daldry hopes to stage productions by the Peter Hall Company, the Donmar and the Almeida, bringing their successes to wider audiences: "The Old Vic needs once again to be the creative powerhouse behind British theatre. The charitable status will place it in a position to stage the best work in the country." Hall's production of *Amadeus* will open in October.

The theatre, near Waterloo station, opened in 1818 and was known as the Royal Coburg. It drew local citizens who had neither the income nor any particular wish to go to the West End. Renamed the Royal Victoria Theatre in 1833, it was soon nicknamed the Old Vic. In 1879 it became the Royal Victoria Coffee Music Hall, where the manager, Emma Cons, presented "purified entertainment with no intoxicating drinks". Cons was joined by her niece, Lilian Baylis, in 1898, and Baylis took over as manager in 1912.

Under Baylis — who later reopened Sadler's Wells for opera and ballet — the Old Vic became a home of Shakespeare. From the 1920s the greatest actors trod its boards: Laurence Olivier, Sibyl Thorndike, John Gielgud, Ralph Richardson, Michael Redgrave, Peggy Ashcroft, and Vivien Leigh. The National Theatre under Olivier's directorship was based there.

Under the Mirvishes, the theatre had successes with Jonathan Miller's artistic directorship between 1987 and 1990 and, most recently, Hall's revival of the classical repertoire. Both tenures ended abruptly when productions did not make the expected profits.

Yesterday Sir Peter said: "It is wonderful news that the Old Vic is now in trust for future generations. We have to thank Chris Smith for his encouragement, David Mirvish for his generosity and the trustees for their vision." Sir John Gielgud said: "I am extremely glad to hear it's been saved. The Canadian man who restored it so beautifully did such a fine job. It seemed awful that it should go dark. I was terribly afraid that it would."

Sir John, now 94, recalled two seasons early in his career, in 1929 and 1930, when his roles included Richard II — "the first part that I had a personal success in". He had appeared at the Old Vic as an unpaid extra while at drama school.

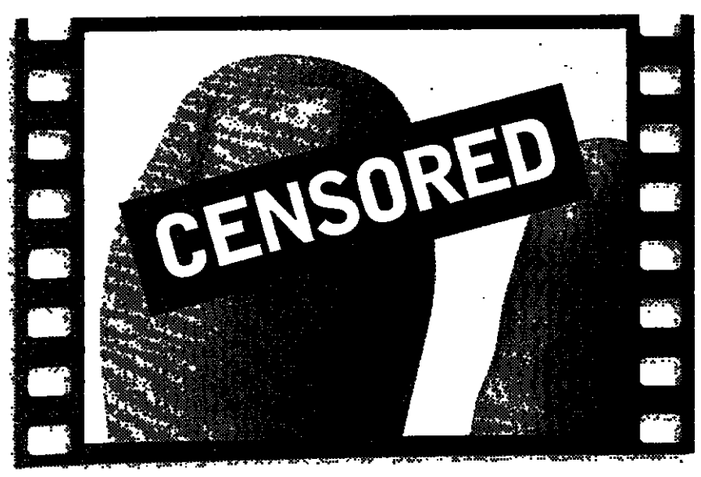
He said that Baylis "knew nothing" about Shakespeare, but thought it would be a good idea to stage his plays, particularly as "there was no royalty or copyright. She was a canny old bird."

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John Gielgud as Mark Antony in 1930



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Mandela flays Communists as economy sinks

Tumbling rand adds to gloom, **R. W. Johnson** reports from Johannesburg

FACING mounting economic problems and a collapsing rand, President Mandela shocked his South African Communist Party (SACP) allies by flatly rejecting their calls for a change in government policy and virtually accusing them of treachery to the African National Congress.

The President, a guest speaker at the Communists' tenth congress, listened to attacks on government policy then simply discarded his set speech — "prepared for me by my bosses" — and waded in. "If the SACP goes public and not only attacks what we consider a fundamental policy but ridicules it, they must be aware of the implications."

He left the hall to applause, but delegates were stunned. Jeremy Cronin, the party's deputy leader, said it would stick to its guns. "We expounded our view frankly, and that is what the President did. He is a different sort of politician, he speaks from the heart."

For nearly three weeks now, gloom over the economy has deepened as the rand has slid to successive new lows. Once trading at two to the pound, it fell to more than four after the political crisis of the 1980s and, by the time the ANC came to power in 1994, British tourists could get five. Repeated currency crises under the ANC Government saw the rand fall to eight early this year, but in the past month the drop has been vertiginous; yesterday the currency traded at 10.26 to the pound. The Reserve Bank has reacted by jejune means — selling off some of its tiny reserves in a hopeless attempt to support the rand, pushing up interest rates to 20 per cent, then back to 18 per cent and then up again to 23.5 per cent.

These defences — together with some remaining, though weak, exchange controls — are all the weapons the bank has, and they are not enough. Meanwhile, the effect of these savage interest rate rises — with inflation at 5 per cent, the real interest rate is now 18 per cent or more — has been to kill off all hope of economic growth and to create the prospect of a further recession in which the already mountainous unemployment figures will rise fast again.

The South African Broadcasting Corporation portrays the rand's fall alternately as an unfair contagion spreading into all emerging markets from Asia or the dastardly work of ruthless speculators. In fact, a low gold price that reduced Asian demand for South Africa's raw materials, the country's uncompetitively high wage rates and a general lack of confidence in the Government have all played a part. The single greatest fact is the Government's failure to create an economic environment to entice desperately needed foreign investors.

South Africans are confused — but are in no doubt about the dire effect of the crisis on their pockets. For mortgage holders an interest rate of 18 per cent was causing numerous defaults and a sharp fall in property prices everywhere but Cape Town. The prospect of 23 per cent or more is barely thinkable, and certainly unpayable. Moreover, all foreign holidays already cost 25 per cent more than last year and the price of imported goods is escalating out of reach. This is particularly striking in the case of motor cars — and South Africa is as car-based as America. Even before the crisis it was common to find people spending a third of what their house was worth to buy a car.

Not all the news is bad: the rand's fall is the miracle that the gold, diamond, platinum and coal mines were waiting for. Those commodities are sold for dollars and their costs are paid in rands. A very large number of mining jobs have thus been saved in the past month and more may be created. South Africa also becomes one of the world's cheapest tourist destinations.

There are less observed effects. Many South Africans, not all white, have quietly built up illegal assets abroad. The currency crisis causes them to heave a sigh of relief but, even more, to panic at the thought that the rand's decline may cut them off from the chance of emigration to where the assets are held.

Until President Mandela came down hard yesterday to reaffirm the Government's pro-market economic policy, its response to the crisis had been muffled. Its task will not be made easier, for the benefits of devaluation will be lost unless a firm hand is kept on wage inflation.

But this, in turn, is bound to create strife with the Government's partners in the Confederation of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu). The last thing the Government wants in the run-up to the April 1999 election is a wave of strikes and renewed pressure from its SACP and Cosatu partners to abandon that policy. But equally, the slightest hint that the Government might give ground will set the rand tumbling again.

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JUDA NGWENYA / REUTERS



A furious President Mandela delivers an unscripted riposte after South African Communist Party members attacked his economic policy

Israel plans defence shake-up to combat Arab missile threat

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

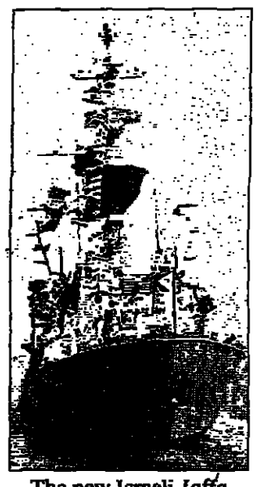
ISRAEL'S top military and intelligence experts are conducting the most sweeping overhaul of the country's national security doctrine since the 1950s to prepare it to face its biggest modern threat — long-range missile attack with non-conventional warheads.

The review, conducted at a secret location, became public after one of the army's most senior officers issued a stinging attack on the present doctrine. Major-General Matan Vilnai, the Deputy Chief of Staff, who retired yesterday, issued his warning at a Defence Ministry ceremony in Tel Aviv.

"Today we can say with complete confidence that our security doctrine is not updated and probably does not provide answers to threats developing against Israel," Major-General Vilnai said on Sunday. "There are many changes in our surrounding region and these are the basis for more changes. The pace is stunning."

The general, who called for a public debate on a new national security blueprint, said that Israel's Arab foes had built arsenals of surface-to-surface missiles in the past seven years that threatened the country's population. The Israeli defence forces must "update everything".

In response to the criticism, Yitzhak Mordechai, the Defence Minister, revealed the existence of the review. He said that military strategists had been working since last year on a new "security approach" that would be presented to the Cabinet and the Knesset for approval. Mr Mordechai said: "Never has a more serious and fundamental work been done to develop a defence doctrine."



The new Israeli *Jaffa* patrol boat in Haifa

☐ **Beirut:** A Hezbollah guerrilla was killed and two Israeli soldiers were wounded in a massive dawn raid by the Muslim extremist group on the Israeli occupation zone in southern Lebanon (Nicholas Blanford writes). The fighting broke a lull of more than a month.

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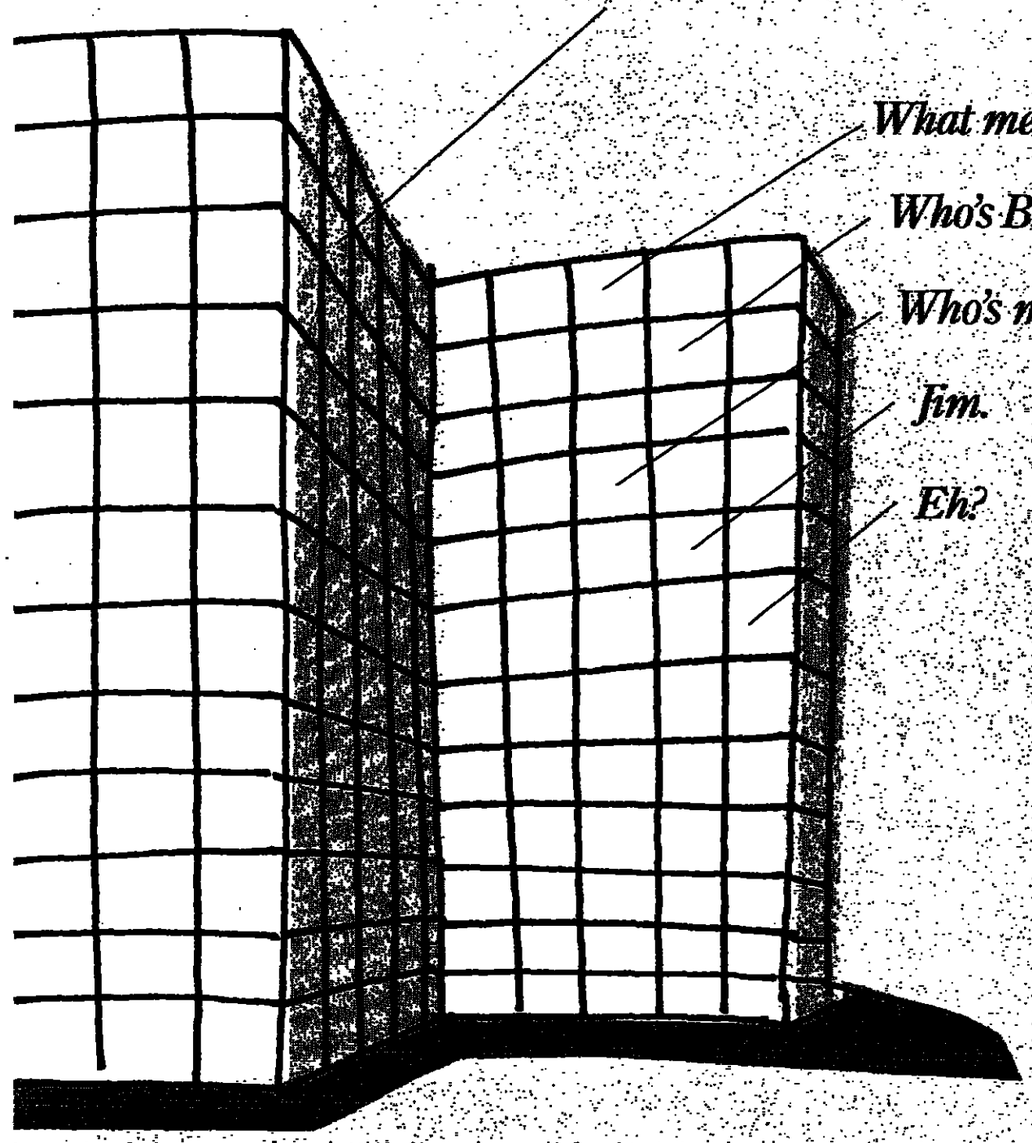
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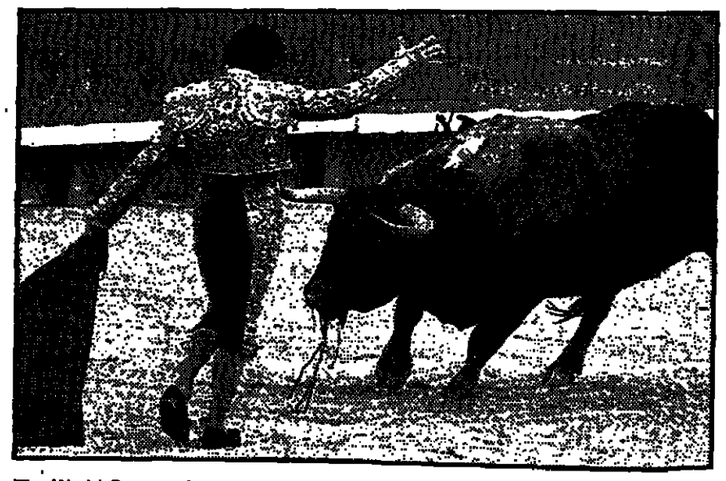
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Abiola to renounce presidential claim

The release of prisoners could bring Nigeria back into the international fold, **David Orr** writes from Abuja

CHIEF Moshood Abiola, the man whom many Nigerians regard as their country's rightful President, has indicated he will renounce his longstanding claim to the leadership.

Chief Abiola, in detention since declaring himself head of state in 1994, is one of scores of political detainees whose release is expected shortly.

Kofi Annan, the United Nations Secretary-General, who has completed a three-day visit to Nigeria, said yesterday that he expected Chief Abiola's release to be unconditional.

The detention of the 61-year-old politician has been seen as the main stumbling block in Nigeria's promised return to civilian and democratic rule. Chief Abiola's fate was discussed at an emergency meeting of the Nigerian Cabinet yesterday.

Mr Annan said he was told by Chief Abiola on Tuesday: "I'm not naive enough to make assumptions that I'm going to come out and be President."

Chief Abiola, generally believed to have won the annulled 1993 presidential election, was imprisoned for treason by the late military ruler, General Sani Abacha, the following year.

His prolonged detention came from his refusal to give up his claim to the presidency. The announcement that he has softened his position since the rise to power last month of General Abdusalam Abubakar will come as a shock to his many supporters. The new ruler of Africa's most populous nation has committed himself to holding democratic elections and returning Nigeria to civilian rule. What role Chief Abiola will play in that transition process is unclear.

There had been speculation that the military would make it a condition for his release that he promise not to engage in further political activity, but it now seems that he will be free to contest the promised elections.

Though not untainted by rumours of corruption, Chief Abiola, a southerner, is a symbol for many dissatisfied Nigerians, particularly in the mainly Christian south, which feels itself marginalised.



Annan: encouraged by new leadership

However, as a Muslim, he is also acceptable in the north, the heartland of the military which has held power for all but ten of the 38 years of independence from Britain.

A millionaire businessman with dozens of wives and mistresses, Chief Abiola has recently been moved from solitary confinement to a comfortable villa in Abuja, the capital. Mr Annan discounted persistent reports that the jailed politician was in poor health.

"He was in very good health, he was alert," said Mr Annan, the first non-Nigerian to see Chief Abiola in four years. "I found him in some ways more realistic than some of us outside."

Mr Annan said Chief Abiola had confided in him that he was out of touch and that he no longer knew what his supporters were up to. "I want to get on with my life," he told Mr Annan. "And I know the world has moved on."

Nigeria's new leader has already set free dozens of political prisoners, among them General Olusegun Obasanjo, the former military ruler and a vociferous critic of recent regimes. General Abubakar's promise to oversee Nigeria's speedy transition to democracy has been greeted warmly by the international community.

Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, said the release of prisoners was one of the key demands that Britain and its Commonwealth and European Union partners had made in the search to restore democracy and human rights in Nigeria.

This week's visits by the UN Secretary-General and by Chief Emeka Anyaoku, the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, are being seen as indications that Nigeria's pariah status may be about to end. Nigeria was subjected to economic sanctions and suspended from the Commonwealth after the execution in 1995 of Ken Saro-Wiwa and other minority rights activists.

Mr Annan said yesterday that he had met several previous heads of state, as well as traditional rulers and prominent opposition figures, while in Nigeria. He declared himself "much encouraged" by what General Abubakar had done so far.

"Everyone I met wants the military to return to its proper role in a democratic society," said Mr Annan in Abuja, before leaving for his native Ghana.

However, a succession of military leaders has reneged on promises to return Nigeria to democracy.



DAVE CAULKIN AP

Chief Moshood Abiola, who was jailed by the military regime of General Sani Abacha for refusing to renounce his claim to the presidency after the 1993 elections

Tehran destroys £425m in drugs

By Michael Theodoulou

IRAN, praised by the West for its determined war against drug traffickers, yesterday marked World Anti-Narcotics Days by publicly burning 50 tonnes of heroin, opium and morphine with a total street value of £425 million.

The ceremony was watched by President Khatami and Pino Arlacchi, the head of the Vienna-based United Nations Drugs Control Programme (UNDCP).

Iran, which seized 200 tonnes of drugs of all kinds last year, has had to pay a heavy price for being on the front line against smugglers from the "Gold Crescent" in neighbouring Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Nearly 2,500 Iranian soldiers and police have died over the past 15 years in battles with smugglers who are so well armed that they have managed to shoot down police helicopters.

Britain is supporting from a distance with financial aid. It is the main bilateral donor to the UNDCP programme in Iran, having contributed more than £2 million over the past three to four years.

Nigerians face a perilous journey on the long road to democracy

By Sam Kiley
Africa Correspondent

THE announcement yesterday by Kofi Annan, the UN Secretary-General, that Nigeria's military had agreed to free all political prisoners, including Chief Moshood Abiola, is the first step on a path to democracy strewn with obstacles. One false move by General Abdulsalam Abubakar, who agreed to the releases, could be fatal to himself and catastrophic for Nigeria.

Few observers of Nigeria's political scene doubt the sincerity of his desire to hand power back to civilians and return to the barracks. As one senior member of his administration said this week: "It is becoming embarrassing to be in this job. I have a job that should be done by a civilian. The world does not look kindly on government by the military any longer."

But General Abubakar will have to cope with elements within the armed forces who want to hang on to power, appease angry supporters of Chief Abiola, who was the assumed winner of the annulled 1993 presidential elections, and contain the ethnic forces in a country of more than 200 tribes, many of which want to break away from the federal republic.

Ben Okri, winner of the 1991 Booker Prize, said that his Nigerian homeland was "on the cusp of a wonderful transformation, but we will have chaos unless history is allowed to continue its course. Abiola should be appointed to head a transitional government at the very least."

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Nigeria has had only brief flickers of civilian rule for most of its 38 years of independence from Britain. Each new administration, according to Dr Beko Ransome-Kuti, a campaigner for democracy who was released two weeks ago after years in solitary confinement, "plunged to new depths of venality, incompetence and corruption". The regime of Sani Abacha, who died mysteriously on June 8, disgusted even his colleagues. He salted away a fortune estimated at £3.6 billion during five years in power. His last year was marked by his personal debauchery, drunkenness, diversion of state funds to his bank account and the use of state aircraft to pick up Indian prostitutes who serviced a dwindling clique of his supporters in his villa in Abuja.

In the meantime, a country that supplies a tenth of Opec's oil was forced to import refined fuels after he ran down its domestic refineries in order to profit from import scams. Worse still for many officers was the entrapment of General Olopido Diya, General Abacha's second-in-command, who was implicated in a coup plot against his boss late last year and sentenced to death.

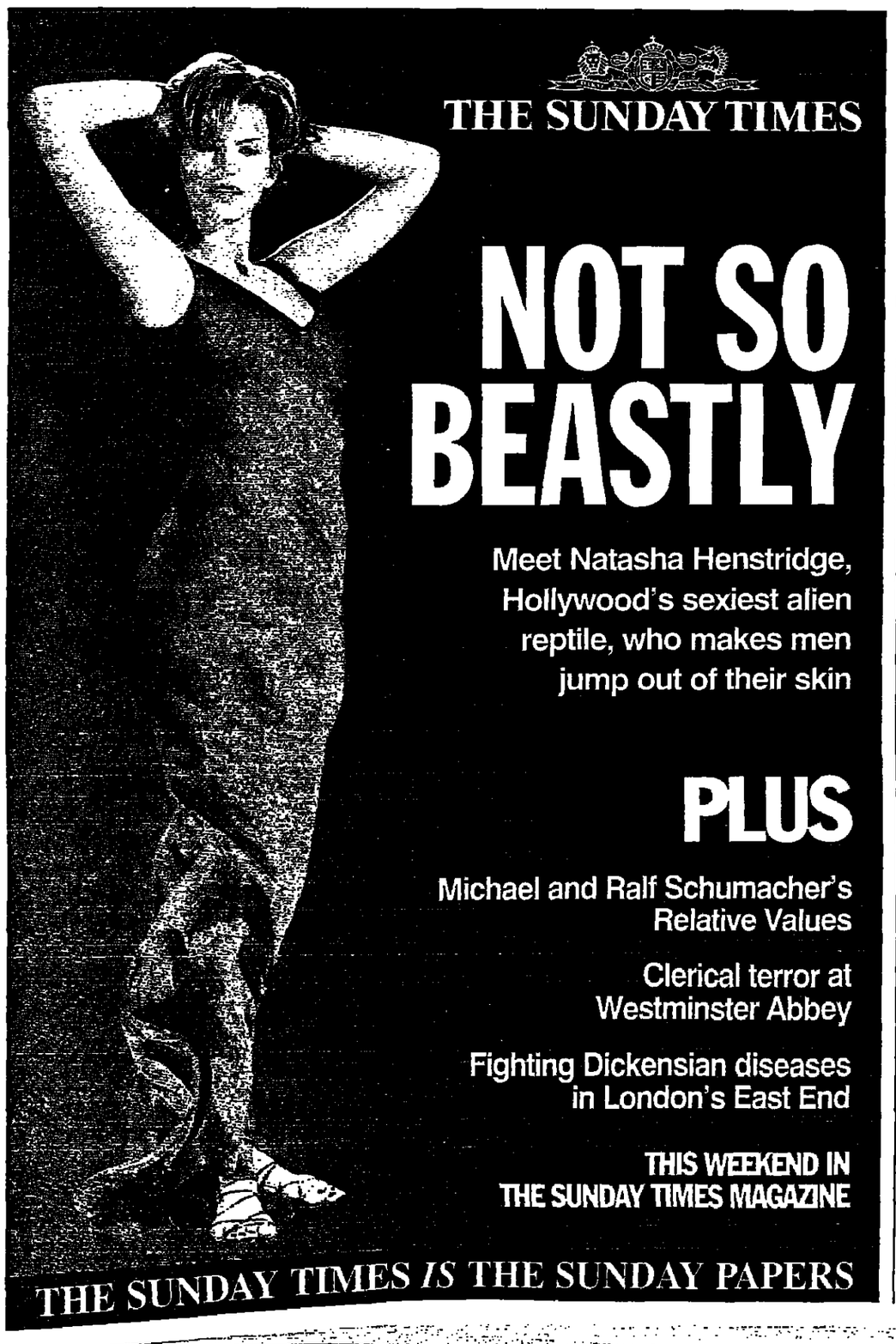
General Abubakar, who moved swiftly to fill the vacuum left by Abacha, appears to have won the argument among his own people that the army must get out of office. Retired General Olusegun Obasanjo, the only military leader to have handed power back to civilians, said: "The military has to find a way to get out of power. They could face a massive civilian uprising if they fail."

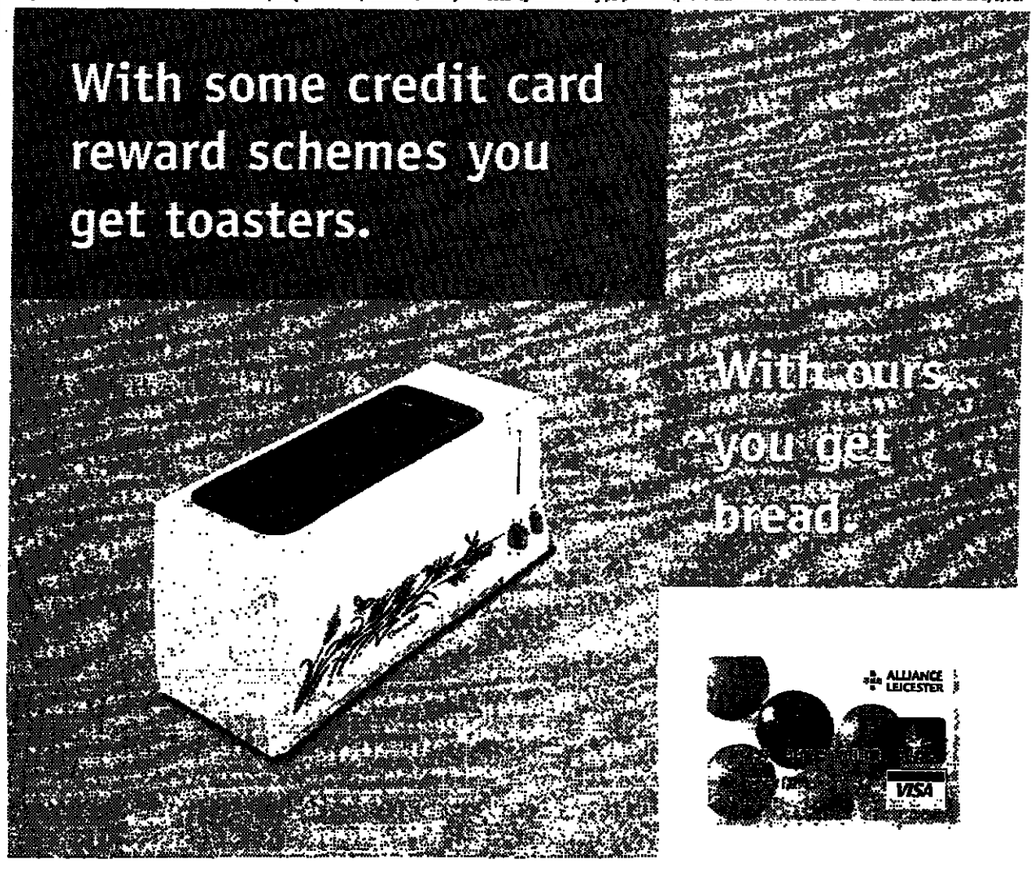
He has launched a consultative process, involving opposition groups, religious leaders, traditional monarchs and "eminent persons" in an attempt to produce a transitional programme.

So far the only "step forward" in this scheme has been to persuade Chief Abiola to give up his claim to hold the presidential mandate. Yesterday Mr Annan said that the Chief had said he was not so naive as to think he would be able to emerge from detention and take over as President.

But it was because they supported precisely that view that the 300 or so political prisoners have spent years in jail.

Ken Wiwa, the son of Ken Saro-Wiwa, the author and Ogoni rights activist whose execution in 1995 by General Abacha caused Nigeria's suspension from the Commonwealth and its international isolation, said yesterday that the release of political prisoners was welcome, but "nothing to get too excited about". "Are there going to be elections?" he asked. "There is a danger that, in focusing on the release of prisoners, the international community is taking the heat off Abubakar."





Pasteur 'stole vaccine credit from his rival'

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

LOUIS PASTEUR, the great French scientist and founder of microbiology, may have stolen the idea for his anthrax vaccine from a lesser-known rival who died in obscurity without receiving credit for his discovery.

In 1881 a team of scientists under Pasteur triumphantly demonstrated the discovery of a vaccine effective against sheep anthrax, then endemic in Europe. The science behind the vaccine, however, was really the work of Jean-Joseph-Henry Toussaint, a fellow researcher at Lyons veterinary school, according to Nadine Chevallier of the University of Lyons.

This week Mme Chevallier presented her findings at the birthplace of Toussaint in the Vosges. In July 1880 Toussaint had discovered a way to make an effective vaccine by killing the anthrax bacteria using heat or antiseptic in such a way that only immunising agents remained.

Toussaint had tried to keep his findings secret to ensure his claim to the discovery was recognised, but he was forced by the French Academy of Science to reveal the technique. Pasteur held passionately to the theory that the best way to produce a vaccine was to weaken or "attenuate" the live virus by exposing the bacteria to air or pure oxygen.



Pasteur: determined to prove own theory right

Already famous and deeply controversial, Pasteur was under intense pressure to produce an anthrax vaccine quickly. His own vaccine was not ready, and as a result he appears to have secretly instructed his colleagues to use Toussaint's methods instead.

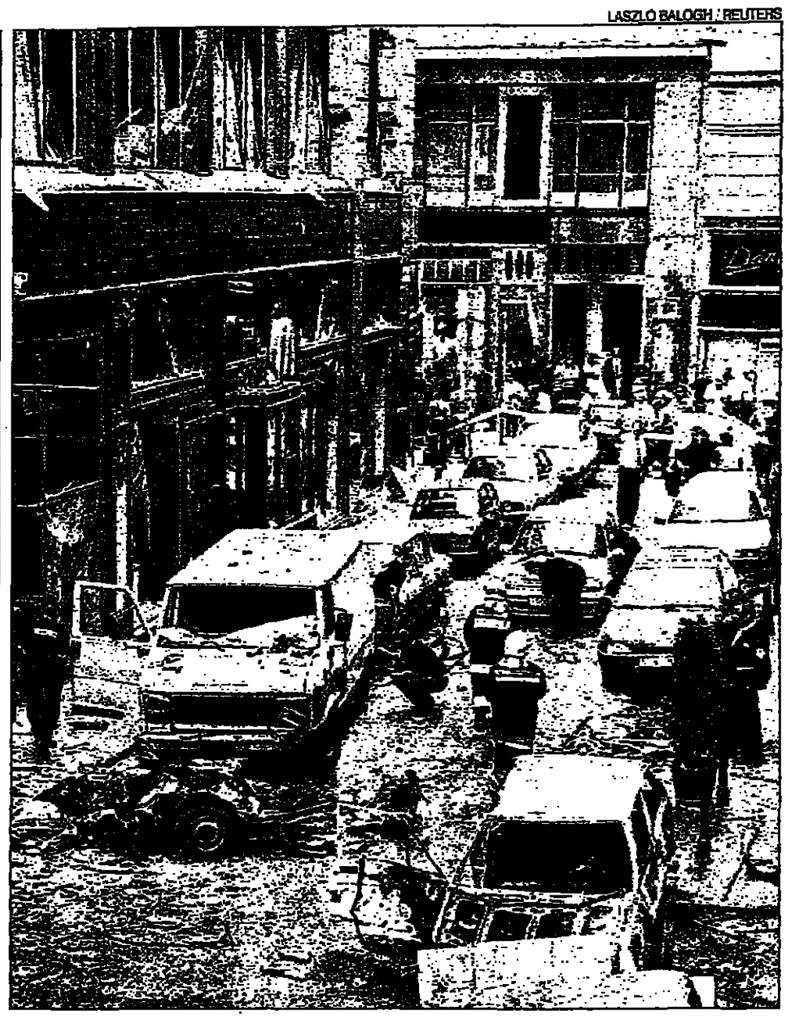
On May 5 1881, according to laboratory notes, Pasteur instructed his team to inject 25 sheep with an anthrax culture treated with the antiseptic potassium bichromate, precisely the chemical recommended by Toussaint. "While I am alive, you will not publish this before discovering a way to weaken the bacteria with oxygen. Look for it!" wrote Pasteur, determined that his own theory would eventually be proved right.

A few weeks later the 25 vaccinated sheep and another 25 without immunisation were injected with anthrax virus. On June 2 the scientific community, local officials and journalists, including the Paris correspondent for *The Times*, assembled to witness the results of Pasteur's experiment. Sure enough, the vaccinated sheep were healthy, while the other half of the flock was dead or dying from anthrax.

Pasteur took full credit for the breakthrough without once mentioning Toussaint, but Gerald Geison, a historian at Princeton University, has concluded that the sheep anthrax vaccine was made from bacteria rendered inactive by antiseptic, à la Toussaint, rather than from a live but weakened virus, à la Pasteur.

Several prominent figures leapt to Toussaint's defence, but to no avail. Pasteur was elected to the Académie Française in the same year, and four years later he invented the rabies vaccine.

LASZLO BALOGH / REUTERS



Emergency services at the scene of a bombing in Budapest which killed four people and injured 25, one seriously. A booby-trapped car exploded in the crowded upmarket Pest street just before lunchtime. An English-speaking tourist told

Budapest bomb leaves four dead

Hungarian police her children had gone into McDonald's, on the left, and pleaded to be let through a barrier. The injured included a German, a Finn, a Czech and two Syrians. The bomb's target, who died, was Jozsef Tamas Boros, 43, a police informer and restaurant owner. He had suffered six previous attacks. A woman was among the dead. *(AFP, Reuters)*

Hard-up teller of fortunes fixed Gucci hit

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

A NEAPOLITAN fortune teller told a Milan court yesterday that she was asked by the wife of Maurizio Gucci to find a hitman to kill the fashion mogul and confirmed that she had agreed to arrange his murder in 1995.

Pina Auriemma, a stargazer who for 20 years was a friend of Patrizia Reggiani, said she had learnt that Gucci's estranged wife was planning to kill her husband in 1994 when Signora Reggiani asked her to meet on the pretext of helping her with a history of the Gucci dynasty that she was trying to write.

"Yes, it is true, Patrizia proposed that I organise the murder of Maurizio," she told the court. She agreed to the request because "at that time I was very hard up".

Asked why Signora Reggiani had selected a fortune teller to organise a murder, Signora Auriemma said that the woman now dubbed the "Black Widow" thought she would have good underworld connections because of her roots in Naples, home of the Camorra, a Neapolitan version of the Mafia.

"In her northern head we southerners are all *Camorristi*," she said. "She thought I might know somebody suitable. And you have to understand that we told each other everything. We were like sisters."

She said that she offered the contract on Gucci's life to another defendant, Ivano Savioni, a hotel porter in Milan who was the husband of a Neapolitan friend. She chose him "because he was a penniless wretch like me".

It was agreed later that Signora Reggiani would pay between 500 million and 600 million lire (£170,000 and £200,000) in total for the murder and Signor Savioni negotiated an advance of 150 million lire in cash, paid in instalments of 25 million lire, she added.

As the advance was handed over, Gucci's wife put increasing pressure on her psychic friend for her accomplices to get on with the murder, she said. "Reggiani said that every day that passed was a day lost."



Auriemma in court: "We were like sisters"

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WINNING THE HEARTS OF THE WORLD

'Bosnia Gang' diplomat enters UN lions' den

BY MICHAEL DYNES

A LITTLE-KNOWN but key figure in the so-called "Bosnia Gang" of Western diplomats takes over as Britain's Ambassador at the United Nations this month after the departure of Sir John Weston.

Jeremy Greenstock, an affable and articulate career diplomat, is also a member of the generation of Bosnia hands who found themselves in the firing line after the break-up of Yugoslavia. They have since risen to positions of prominence in the world's foreign policy elites.

Mr Greenstock has spent most of the past seven years dealing with the horrors of the Balkans. Much of his effort has been devoted to co-ordinating US and European policy towards the troubled region, helping to bridge the policy gaps between them.

When, for example, the US was pressing for a "lift and strike" solution to the Bosnian imbroglio, it was Mr Greenstock who had to point out to the Americans that sending arms to the Bosnian Muslims and air strikes against the Bosnian Serbs would jeopardise UN troops on the ground. At the time, the US had no men on the ground.

"The US disliked the arms embargo against Bosnia," Mr Greenstock said. "Europe wanted a ceasefire and a negotiated settlement. But we needed US power and energy to make it happen. It was simply a question of winning the argument."

Many of the diplomats Mr Greenstock will be dealing with, will, like him, have risen through the ranks on the back of Yugoslavia's disintegration.

Sir John is credited with playing a key role in getting Kofi Annan elected as UN Secretary-General, and in securing the appointment of Richard Butler as the UN's chief arms inspector.

On the minus side, he was also behind the blanket arms embargo on Sierra Leone, which culminated in the arms-to-Africa debacle — not one of his greatest moments. Mr Greenstock takes over at a time when tensions inside the Security Council are at their highest since the end of the Cold War. The consensus behind ensuring that Iraq is deprived of all its weapons of mass destruction is in the process of breaking up.

Britain and the United States find themselves isolated on many issues, including Iraq, Libya and Kosovo, with France and an emboldened Russia blocking every move.

Bringing peace to Kosovo will be Mr Greenstock's greatest and most immediate challenge. But there will be many other issues to keep him working into the small hours — from the impending missile crisis in Cyprus to renewed fighting between Ethiopia and Eritrea.

As a product of Harrow and Oxford, Mr Greenstock comes straight out of the Foreign Office's department of central casting. But there is no trace of the lofty disdain for which some of his colleagues are despised. He may well fall into the category of generic, well-trained diplomats, for which the Foreign Office is renowned. But compared with some of the more volatile personalities with big egos in the US State Department, perhaps that is no bad thing.



Greenstock: was in the Balkans firing line

Expanding Nato looks at plan for new £115m headquarters

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE EDITOR

A NEW £115 million Nato headquarters, to be paid for by members according to the space taken up by their delegations, is expected to be the favoured option for the expanding alliance at a meeting in Brussels next week.

The present building, built 30 years ago as a temporary headquarters, is "falling apart" and cannot cope with the influx of 28 non-Nato countries which have partnership arrangements with the alliance and need office space, and the three new nations which will take up permanent residence as full members from April next year.

Next week Nato ambassadors will study two options for the future — a new building next door and an "adapt and maintain" strategy, which would involve adding to the present premises. Although there will be no final decision, the ambassadors are expected to prefer the new building, which would be cheaper over 20 years than enlarging the present HQ, and will ask for more analysis of costs.

Under this scheme, the Nato staff centre to the left of the headquarters, which consists of restaurants, leisure facilities and showers, would be demolished and replaced by the new building. "We'll have to do without showers for several years," one Nato official said.

If the new headquarters is approved, work would probably begin in about 2000 and take up to four years to complete, according to Nato estimates. The old building would then be demolished.

The accommodation crisis started when Nato announced the Partnership for Peace programme for non-Nato countries, and subsequently formed the Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council which opened the doors of the Brussels headquarters to everyone from the Russians to the Latvians. Nato's enlargement programme, which will start with Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary joining next April, is also increasing the fight for space.

Financing a new building would be based on each member paying for the communal areas, such as the conference room and cafeterias, according to their share of the civil budget. In Britain's case, that represents nearly 19 per cent. However, every member would have to pay 100 per cent for the space allocated for its delegation.

The present creaking Nato headquarters is filled with about 3,500 people. One of the design requirements for a new building will be that it should be possible to add additional space for new members of the alliance.

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Hong Kong's airport needs boom lift-off

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN HONG KONG

HONG KONG'S vast new airport — once mired in political controversy — opened yesterday in an uncertain climate, both meteorologically and financially, given the economic maelstrom affecting Asia.

China's Communist rulers had opposed the creation of Chek Lap Kok, fearing Britain was making off with the family silver — Hong Kong's huge reserve assets — before handing over the colony.

Bill Clinton, the first incumbent US President to visit Hong Kong, landed at the airport only hours after it had been opened officially, emerging from Air Force One hand-in-hand with his wife, Hillary. Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, was ahead of them — so becoming the first arriving international passenger to step on to the new tarmac.

President Jiang Zemin of China, on something of a charm offensive in Hong Kong, had earlier formally inaugurated the £12 billion airport which, while unlikely to prove a white elephant in the long run, is coming on stream at the worst possible time. Asian regional air carriers have cut back fleets and flights, tourism has slumped by 25 per cent, Hong Kong's property bubble has burst and even its people are keeping their wallets in their pockets.

With unemployment surging, stock market prices half what they were a year ago and Hong Kong having this week been declared the world's most expensive city — topping even Tokyo — the immediate outlook for the new airport could have been rosier, observers say.

"The timing could not have been worse," said one Hong Kong analyst yesterday of the project, which has taken seven years to reach its present, still unfinished, state. Chek Lap Kok, which boasts the world's biggest passenger terminal — designed by Sir Norman Foster — is built on a partly reclaimed island 21 miles from central Hong Kong. It replaces the cramped Kai Tak airport, which is in the very heart of the city and has provided passengers with one of the most spectacular landing patterns anywhere; planes come in just above the teeming rabbit-hutch apartment buildings of Kowloon.

The airports are too close to have separate flight approaches. When Kai Tak closes on Sunday night, a huge transport operation by land, sea and air will get under way so that Chek Lap Kok can open smoothly the next morning with an in-bound Cathay Pacific flight from New York.

The 3,000 guests at yesterday's ceremonial opening included John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister.

Another guest, Tung Chee-hwa, the Chief Executive of Hong Kong, said Chek Lap Kok was an engineering feat that would give Hong Kong a state-of-the-art airport for the 21st century.

President Jiang surprised Hong Kong citizens by going on a walkabout of the kind Chris Patten, the former British Governor, used to make, before leaving from the new airport for Beijing in wet and blustery weather.

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Hong Kong's still unfinished Chek Lap Kok airport



A 6½in-long leather moccasin with perforations around the top for a lace, and lined with grass

Prehistoric man's soul of fashion

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THE natives of North America were wearing stylish sandals and slip-ons more than 8,000 years ago, carbon-dating has shown.

The complex weave and design of the shoes indicates that prehistoric men and women were fashion-conscious and that their tastes were catered for by craftsmen of considerable skill.

The shoes were dumped over thousands of years by people who lived in a cave in the Missouri River bluffs in Calloway County, Missouri. First excavated in the 1950s, the shoes have never been properly dated because they were jumbled up with piles of rubbish 10ft deep. Traditional carbon-dating could not be used without sacrificing substantial amounts of the plant fibres and leather of which the shoes are made.

> One of the shoes found proved a perfect size 9½

A team from Louisiana State University and the University of Missouri has now used a less destructive method — accelerator mass spectrometer dating.

Like carbon-dating, this method measures how much carbon-14 in the specimen has decayed, but requires only milligrams rather than a gram or more of sample.

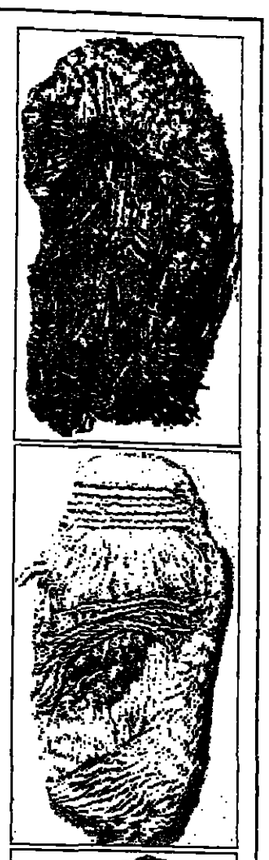
Reporting in *Science*, Dr Jenna Kuttruff and colleagues say the oldest piece of footwear is a sandal dating from 8,000 years ago. Made of woven grasses, it was held on the foot by straps. By about 5,000 years ago, slip-ons of woven fibres appear, with round toes and round cupped heels. The fibres come from a plant called *Eryngium yuccifolium*, or rattlesnake master, named for the supposed anti-venom properties of its leaves. Moccasin-like slip-ons made of leather were the last to appear, around 1,000 years ago.

These were made of a single piece of leather, folded up to form the sides and back, and fitted with holes for a lace. They were lined with grass. Holes in them were repaired carefully. One shoe is a perfect men's size 9½, while a child's moccasin, apparently lost, is almost new.

The collection was unearthed in the 1950s. Animal bones, stone tools, and fragments of pottery showed that the cave's occupants ranged from early hunters-and-gatherers to later agricultural peoples.

They lived in the cave, and generations of them over thousands of years threw away their used shoes, which were preserved by the dryness of the cave. The different styles may also indicate social distinctions.

"In modern society we show our status and individuality through our clothing," says Dr James Peterson, an archaeologist at the University of Vermont. "But one would not have guessed that, in prehistoric North America 8,300 years ago."



What the well-shod caveman was wearing

Clinton preaches his green gospel to a polluted China

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN GUILIN

THIS was the week in which President Clinton truly went green. Yesterday he threw himself into discussing environmental problems with Chinese villagers, with a passion that suggests that green issues will now rocket up the agenda at home.

In Guilin, celebrated for thousands of years in Chinese paintings for its breathtaking scenery, Mr Clinton offered a medley of homely tips. "In our country, they have light bulbs which cost twice as much but last four or five times as much. That might be something you should look at." The Administration has remained coy, however, about the larger-scale schemes that China is employing in the name of urgency: the words "nuclear power" and "Three Gorges Dam" were absent from the speech yesterday.

Villagers saw a side to Bill Clinton now rarely on show at home. Monica Lewinsky and other scandals have made him retreat from what he does best: forging a rapid empathy with ordinary people. In a meeting with local environmental experts, he threaded his conversation with phrases such as: "What do you think? I'd like to hear your suggestions."

His new passion seems to have been triggered by the sight of this catastrophically polluted country. In Beijing, street signs on the opposite side of a six-lane road are invisible through the smog, caused mainly by coal burning at home and in power stations. Hillary Clinton toured a children's hospital there, seeing a row of 50 babies immobilised by asthma. Mr Clinton's concern also springs from the likelihood that China's emissions of carbon dioxide will soon exceed those of any other country.

Stretching truth in the name of diplomacy, Mr Clinton said yesterday: "China is already making impressive steps [to help its environment]." He urged the Chinese to jump a stage in technology, taking advantage of new energy-efficient inventions.

One of the quickest answers to China's air pollution would be to replace its coal-fired power stations with nuclear power. But America's sale of nuclear power plants to China, approved by Mr Clinton this year, caused controversy because of concerns about waste and military security.

The US and the World Bank have also refused to condone China's Three Gorges Project, the damming of the Yangtze River, which will force a million people to relocate. China says the dam is justified by electricity and water needs.

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Hong Kong democrats sworn in

Hong Kong: Martin Lee, the leader of Hong Kong's Democratic Party, was sworn in to the territory's newly elected legislative council yesterday, ending a year in the political wilderness.

The new 60-seat legislature was sworn in en masse, with Mr Lee and his colleagues returning to the body they were kicked out of at the end of British rule last July.

Mr Lee and his democratic allies hold just 20 seats despite securing two thirds of the popular vote in May's elections, the first under Chinese rule. They claim that the electoral system, where most members were voted in by special interest groups, was specifically designed to keep them from forming a majority on the law-making body.

"We promise to fight for democracy in our campaign. We do not see democracy and economic issues as mutually exclusive; they are interdependent," Mr Lee said before the ceremony. "Only a democratic government can guarantee the rule of law." *(AFP)*

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Funny Girl has last laugh on paparazzi



Giles Whittell reports on the marriage of Barbra Streisand to a television star at her paradise home on the Pacific

SELDOM can two stars dependent on the adoration of the outside world have shut it out with such a conspicuous lack of grace.

Held on her magnificent oceanfront estate, Barbra Streisand's marriage to James Brolin, a television actor currently appearing in the series *Pensacola: Wings of Gold* but whose career has flagged in recent years, had the makings of a Hollywood classic. But as teams moved in to clean up after them yesterday, it was clear that the West Coast wedding of the summer had turned into a grim study in control; a rare opportunity for old-school glamour eclipsed by outright paranoia towards the press.

It could have been delightful, set among the art deco treasures of her Malibu home as the sun set over the Pacific and 100 famous guests inhaled the perfume of white orchids and lilies of the valley.

There was a sumptuous dinner, dancing to a 16-piece string orchestra and cocktail party round Streisand's clifftop pool. Steven Spielberg and Tom Hanks mingled with John Travolta and David Geffen, the recording billionaire. Even Roger Clinton was on hand to represent his brother, the President, a close Streisand friend detained on other business in Shanghai.

The affair was no doubt worthy of Tinseltown's best-known perfectionist — but the whole affair was shrouded in almost unprecedented secrecy and did little for her standing in the neighbourhood.

An extraordinary campaign to scare off reporters and photographers from Streisand's driveway began at 3pm on Wednesday with loud jungle noises broadcast from a bank of speakers set up in the bushes either side of her main gate. At 5pm the rainforest chirpings gave way to hours of high-decibel heavy metal by a band known as White Zombie. By nightfall, at least one local resident had had enough. "Not to take away from her day, but she's a ..." — and here the neighbour's words became unprintable.

The wedding — Streisand's second and Brolin's third — had been breathlessly anticipated in Hollywood ever since the pair's first meeting on a blind date exactly two years earlier. When it came, it did so with elaborate stealth that bordered on neurosis.

According to Army Archerd, the senior columnist at *Daily Variety*, all 80 "A-list" guests were notified of the event by telephone at the last minute, and were asked to sign confidentiality agreements barring them from leaking details of the wedding to the press.

Caterers and other suppliers had to sign similar undertakings, and delivery drivers were tight-lipped as vans and lorries shuttled up the coast highway to Zumirez Drive from Tuesday onwards. Here, at the entrance to Malibu's lush Point Dume promontory, reporters set up camp and noticed a last-minute panic over mineral water. An entire shipment of an Italian brand was returned to the warehouse and replaced with a better-known French one with half an hour to go. A large delivery of low-alcohol beer meanwhile fuelled rumours of a less-than-lively night.

Celebrities accustomed to being delivered door-to-door by limousine were made to park half a mile from the heavily-guarded Streisand compound. They were taken the remaining distance in tinted-glass mini-buses that pulled up behind a larger van parked to obscure the view for paparazzi.

Streisand, almost as famous for her distrust of the press as for her songs and films, has been inseparable from the bronzed and brawny Brolin for the past two years. He reportedly proposed as many as five times, but was formally accepted only when he found "the perfect ring" last year.

Despite the presence of Baptists such as Mr Clinton and Scientologists including Travolta and his wife, Kelly Preston, the pair were married in a short Jewish ceremony in the main living room of the Streisand estate, which boasts three separate homes and unrivalled views of the Pacific.

Dick Guttman, the diva's publicist, had asked helicopters working for photographers and television stations to withdraw so that guests could hear the couple's "sacred vows". His plea was only half-heeded. As at Elizabeth Taylor's infamous wedding to Larry Fortensky on Michael Jackson's ranch six years ago, the proceedings were accompanied by the muffled roar of high-powered turbines.

Afterwards, the paparazzi were foiled again. As guests prepared to leave, security guards shone arc-lights into their lenses to ruin any candid shots. One seasoned photographer moaned that the only pictures of the bride were taken from boats bobbing offshore — and he had left his in the dock.

Streisand's first husband was Elliott Gould, the actor. As she and her second husband depart for their honeymoon, reportedly to Barbados, they will have the satisfaction of knowing that, unlike Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley, who fled to the Dominican Republic to be married out of the media glare, they managed to tie the knot at home. They also avoided the ultimate insult — of being ignored by the media.

☐ **Passion killer:** California's time-honoured ritual of teenagers "making out" in cars in which they have just learnt to drive is threatened by the Teenage Driver Safety Act, which has just become law. It bars new teenage drivers from travelling with passengers under 20 for the six months after obtaining a licence. The act also bans teenage drivers from taking to the roads between midnight and 5am for the first year. The law aims to reduce teenage drink-driving accidents.



James Brolin and Barbra Streisand last week at the premiere of her film *The Mirror Has Two Faces*

MICHAEL CAULFIELD/AP





John Travolta and his wife Kelly were among the guests who were invited at short notice to avoid news leaks, then asked to sign confidentiality agreements before attending the wedding at the Streisand mansion in Malibu, above

AMERICAN SUMMARY

Swiss fury over bank sanctions

New York: The states of New York and California have announced sanctions on Swiss banks after the collapse of talks on compensation for Holocaust victims (James Bone writes). Other states are expected to follow suit after an 800-strong commission agreed to lift a moratorium on sanctions. Ulrich Pfister, a spokesman for the Credit Suisse Group in Zurich, said: "Sanctions are unjustified and counter-productive. We will study all measures we can take."

The Swiss banks last month offered to make a contribution of $600 million (£364 million) to a fund for Holocaust survivors and their heirs.

US jet crew may be tried

Washington: A military judge has recommended that the pilot and navigator of a Marine jet that killed 20 people when it hit a cable-car wire in Italy should face court martial on negligent homicide charges (Tom Rhodes writes). Lieutenant-Colonel Ronald Rodgers said Captain Richard Ashby, 31, and Joseph Schweitzer, 30, should be charged with dereliction of duty and destruction of government property.

Strip victim brings suit

New York: A man who visited a strip club in Clearwater, Florida, on his stag night two years ago has sued the establishment for $15,000 (£9,000) in damages. (Tunku Varadarajan writes). Paul Shimkonis, 38, claims that Tawny Peaks, a stripper with a 69in bust, gave him serious whiplash injuries when she thrust her bare breasts in the direction of his face.





Disabled condemn FDR to wheelchair

Tom Rhodes on how political correctness is moulding a new statue of Roosevelt

PRESIDENT Franklin Roosevelt, who never used a wheelchair in public and insisted that his disability be hidden from the outside world, is to be depicted sitting in one at the sprawling memorial that bears his name.

After months of heated controversy over the new statue, Al Gore, the Vice-President, yesterday announced the addition of a casually dressed FDR at the memorial's entrance, seated in a mode he had always shunned in life.

When the memorial was opened 14 months ago, disabled groups loudly protested that a wheelchair had not been included in either of the site's two sculptures of the wartime President who was paralysed from the waist down by polio when he was 39.

Critics of the $1.5 million (£930,000) project, including Curtis Roosevelt, one of his grandsons, have said the new statue will provide a false portrait of a man who persistently and successfully hid his paralysis from public scrutiny.

Mr Roosevelt said that his grandfather would never have approved of being shown in a wheelchair that he used so rarely in public.

He always made a point of sitting in chairs and cars or was escorted with the help of leg braces, a cane or his son's arm.

Most of his other descendants, however, have supported the change. "The reality is that he spent every single day of his life in the White House using a wheelchair," said Christopher Roosevelt, another grandson. "And when he did appear before groups of individuals that had faced adversity, he used his disability to inspire them."

A survey conducted in 1995 showed that 73 per cent of Americans believed Roosevelt's disability should be depicted in the memorial, whose four "open rooms" tell the story of his four terms in office. Initially, however, activists could *not persuade the FDR Memorial* Commission to change its plans.

After they threatened to stage a protest at its opening in May last year, President Clinton submitted legislation calling for the addition and Congress agreed. The National Organisation on Disability has agreed to pay.

"It will be a tribute to a true American hero who led our nation through its darkest days," said Mr Gore, evoking the Great Depression and the Second World War. "And it reminds us that disability is not a barrier to achievement."

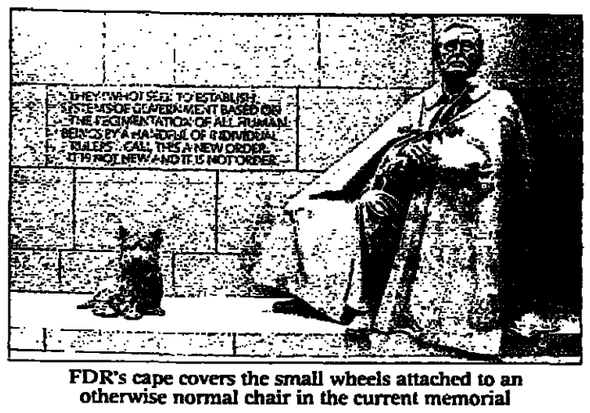
The Administration has selected Robert Graham, who created some *of the memorial's existing sculptures*, to design the statue.

He will base it on a photograph of FDR with his beloved black Scottie, Fala, and Ruthie Bie, daughter of the caretaker at his estate in Hyde Park, New York. It is one of only two known photographs of Mr Roosevelt in a wheelchair.

Mr Graham will work with John Benson, a stone carver, and Lawrence Halprin, the Californian landscape architect who designed the memorial of granite, water and bronze on a 7.5 acre site between the Potomac River and Washington's Tidal Basin.

The memorial currently shows the President in a normal chair whose small wheels are obscured by his cape. In a bow to political correctness, the trademark fur stole that was worn by Eleanor Roosevelt and FDR's ubiquitous cigarette holder are not included.

The announcement yesterday brought swift approval from the disabled. "This is going to be the icon of the disabilities rights movement, and it is going to be unique," said Hugh Gallagher, an activist.



FDR's cape covers the small wheels attached to an otherwise normal chair in the current memorial

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New statue will be based on this photograph of FDR with dog and caretaker's granddaughter

Florida prays for a storm to douse fires

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

THE worst forest fires in Florida for 57 years, currently raging over 250,000 acres in the state's northern counties, are likely to be put out only by a tropical storm, experts said yesterday.

Liz Compton, the spokeswoman for Bob Crawford, the Agriculture Secretary, said: "We had 73 new fires start just on Tuesday." Steve Parsons, a US Forest Service official, added: "It's going to take a good long soaking to bring this to an end. It's almost impossible to extinguish every ember."

As vast swaths of land were consumed in Volusia County — the hardest-hit part of the state — 30,000 people living in Ormond Beach, north of Daytona Beach, have been ordered to leave. In all, about 9,000 homes face being reduced to cinders, and the Interstate 95 highway — Florida's mainnorth-south route — has been closed for a 30-mile stretch.

To the dismay of residents and rescuers alike, a potentially rain-filled tropical wave, currently in the western Caribbean, appears to be moving towards Texas. A second tropical wave is said to have formed a few hundred miles east of the Windward Islands, but meteorologists say it is too early to bank on its bringing relief to a Florida that is parched and bone-dry.

Last month was the hottest June in the state's history, and the hottest month yet in the Tampa Bay area. The average temperature of 85.6F (30C) eclipsed the previous 85F record for the bay area set in August 1941.

Yesterday Lawton Childs, the state Governor, toured affected areas and ordered a ban on fireworks over the Fourth of July holiday. President Clinton, responding to the crisis from China, has declared the state a disaster area, allocating nearly $35 million (£21 million) in federal aid to help state agencies to fight the fires and put up temporary shelters for those made homeless.

Inevitably, tempers have soared with the temperatures. On Wednesday a man was arrested in Volusia County after he tried to run over a deputy sheriff seeking to stop him driving towards his burning house. Michael Shimshack, who has been charged with attempted first-degree murder, was upset that his prized boat was burning.



One of the fires, which leapt across Route 1

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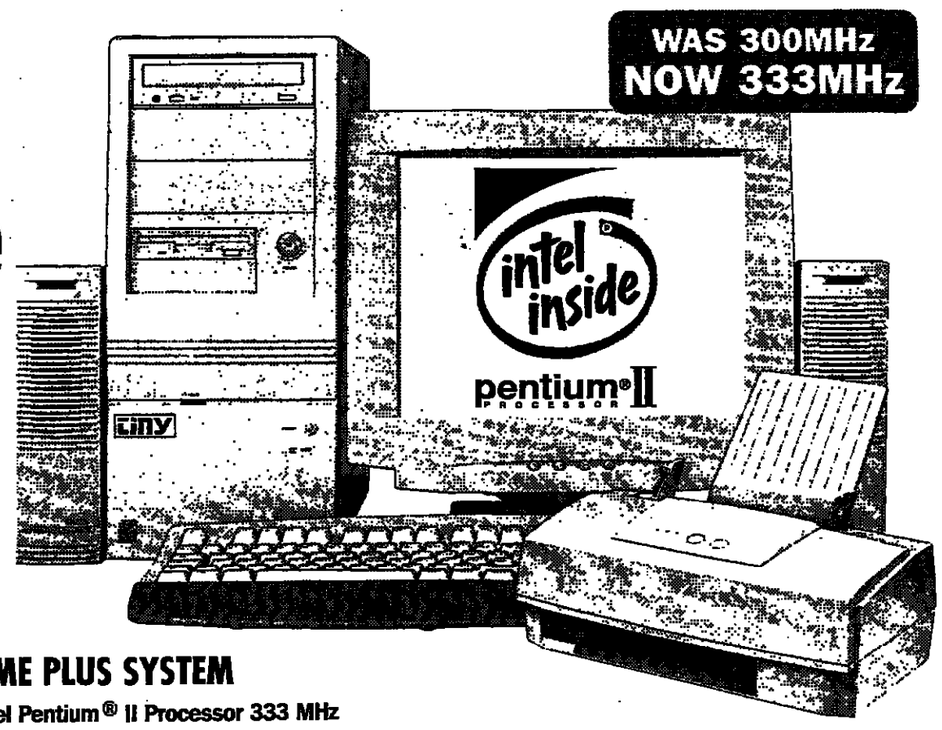
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Reduced — to tears of joy



SCOPE TRANSWORLD

Keeping an open mind and never going to the first day of a sale are the keys to successful bargain-hunting

I love the sales. I couldn't get dressed without them. Something in me recoils at the thought of paying the recommended retail price for a garment that I know will be marked down by half in a matter of weeks. After so many years of assembling my wardrobe from the cut-price rails, I've evolved a philosophy of sales shopping, whose main tenets are: keep an open mind and don't go to the first day of any sale.

This second principle is not as perverse as it might seem. Successful bargain-hunting requires a disciplined state of mind — you might call it the Zen of Pauper's Elegance. It is crucial not to fall prey to the schoolgirly mass hysteria that sweeps over entire department stores at sales time, and particularly on the first day. This is when you are most likely to find yourself being tackled from behind by some girl intent on snatching the Helmut Lang plastic mesh petticoat on which your own hand has momentarily come to rest. Before you know it, you have snatched it back, hustled it off to the changing room, told yourself it looks just as good on you as it did on Kate Moss and bought it, a snip at £355.

Almost equally unwise is to set your heart beforehand on one particular item. Inevitably, you will find it, but in the wrong size or wrong colour, or with a crucial button missing, and return home ratty and disappointed and be horrid to your husband, your children and your dog. Far better to set out optimistic, calm, open-minded and fully briefed, having memorised the page of *Vogue* on which the predictions for the new season are set out: long straight skirts, boatnecked sweaters, strapless dresses, tiny cardigans, tweed, cashmere, anything in blue-grey, silver or red. The sales are a particularly good source of two kinds of clothes — reliable classics and hysteric glamour. In both cases you are looking for the kind of quality that ordinarily you couldn't afford — luxurious fabrics and designer names to add grace notes to a wardrobe of high street staples.

In the reliable classics department, Simpsons of Piccadilly has quantities of delectable cashmere: crew-neck argyle sweaters in sweetie shades for £149 (down from £245) and plain scoop-neck sweaters in a range of colours from crimson and dark green to almond, pale pink and a pretty deep raspberry for £115 (£164). A long, elegant egg-shell-blue Daks linen jacket is £219 (£319) and matching narrow pants £79 (£119). A navy

CUTTING EDGE
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calf Kurt Geiger bag is capacious and elegant and costs £59 (£139). Yves Saint Laurent cream silk trousers are £188 (£269) and a single-breasted jacket is £342 (£489).

At Fortnum & Mason an unstructured navy linen jacket by MaxMara Weekend is £130 (£198), perfect with the YSL cream silk pants and Sonia Rykiel's navy and cream wool trompe l'oeil jersey, knitted to look like a cardigan, £120 (£240). At Liberty, Regent Street, Margaret Howells classics are handsomely reduced. A puppy-tooth fine wool shirt-waist dress is £75 (£225), a Prince of Wales check wool shift £120 (£245), a stone suede wrap skirt £270 (£545) and a back-buttoned suede shift, £295 (£595). Side-zip white drill pants are £60 (£125) and navy cable-knit cotton sweaters £95 (£195). At Nicole Farhi on Bond Street, a perfectly cut, proofed canvas mac is £340 (£449) and a dip-dyed silk shirt in a lovely combination of sky blue and chocolate brown £75 (£149).

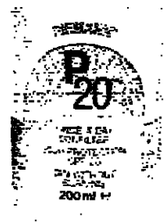
On the hysteric glamour front I was sorely tempted by Saint Laurent's ivory silk shift with a navy lace border, £195 (£270) at Simpsons. At Fortnum's, Helen David's palest blue devoré velvet shift with cupids and hearts is irresistible at £260 (£395), and at Fenwick on Bond Street, Georgina von Etzdorf's velvet tunics are down to £99 from £350.

For wild eccentricity at improbable prices, Liberty is best. A rose-embroidered Elspeth Gibson jacket is £99 (£199), a cobweb lace Collette Dinnigan dress £315 (£529), Antonio Berardi's black and silver gypsy dress £255 (£515) and a silver mesh shift by Julien MacDonald £54 (£219). Even better is the Clearance Zone — full of the most amazing stuff for £75 or less. I coveted Helen David's pistachio silk palazzo pants £75 (£125) and double-layer ivory silk skirt £50 (£185), not to mention Paddy Campbell's almond wool crêpe skirt, £25 (£119).

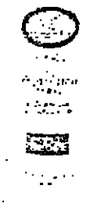
But it was the Galliano that proved my undoing. A long, strapless black velvet column, with an internal corset and an endless row of hooks up the back — impossible to get into unassisted, and once you have got it on, you look like John Singer Sargent's *Portrait of Madame X*. I could hear my mother's voice ringing in my ears: "When would you ever wear it?" But there it was. A real-life Galliano for £75. Reader, I bought it.

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But do you actually have room in your wallet for any more loyalty cards? They have suddenly spread even more alarmingly than Marlon Brando's waistline to become one of those irritants of modern life along with traffic jams, late trains, and Jimmy Hill's post-match World Cup analysis. Between them, your loyalty cards know enough about what you buy, read, eat and drink to blackmail you. You know that eerie squeaking you hear at night, that's too gentle to be burglars laughing at your taste in interior furnishings? That's the sound of loyalty cards in your wallet swapping information stored on their magnetic strips:

First loyalty card: "Hey guys, come take a look at what he bought himself at Boots today?"

Second card: "Wow! If he uses that with those items he picked up at Homebase last week . . ."

First card: "Exactly! It doesn't take a Coutts Platinum Visa card to work out what he's been up to! If he tosses me cavalierly into his trouser pocket just once more so his loose change scrapes against my encoded data, I swear I'll blow his private life wide open!"

(And you can just imagine how innocent those loyalty cards will pretend to look when you take them down to the police station and explain to the duty officer how they're ganging up to blackmail you. Butter wouldn't melt in their mouths!).

It is all becoming slightly creepy. The day cannot be very far off when the supermarket/video shop/ironmonger/newsagent/chemist knows enough not only to tell you what you need to buy next, but also to suggest other items that your spending patterns suggest you might like (Computer at Loyalty Card HQ: "Hey, mister, don't go looking so coy when we suggest buying extra cotton buds, some ready-made custard and the launch issue of *Sun Worshipper Weekly* magazine. I think you know very well why we're suggesting them for you, don't you? Hmmm?")

This is why a simple, Saturday morning shopping trip is turning into the opening scene from *The Prisoner*, only with you as Patrick McGoohan.

— Where am I?

— *In Sainsbury's*

— What do you want?

— *Information. We want information.*

— You won't get it.

— *By hook or by crook we will.*

— Who are you?

— *Your new loyalty card.*

— Who assigned you to me?

— *You are loyalty card number GD69473608. You buy Twixes, Tropicana orange juice, kettle chips, salmon fish cakes and rigatoni (1 kg economy pack)*

— I am not a number. I am a free man!

— *Well your luck's in then, because it so happens that we're offering triple points on our men's active toiletry range today.*

We have two paths we can follow. One would be simply to succumb to the trend and exploit it for some worthier purpose. You know those MPs, many of them New Labour, who just don't bother turning up for votes in the House of Commons? Let's offer them an inducement of 500 bonus points on their Westminster Loyalty Card to show their faces. Cabinet ministers rarely deign to appear on news programmes such as *Newsnight* to explain themselves any more: might a few extra card points loosen their tongues? Sylvester Stallone would deserve at least 2,000 points for promising not to make another movie, and Bill Gates could be awarded 3,000 points if he pledges not to devise any more Windows software. China gets credited with 1,500 International Diplomacy Card points for admitting behaving shamefully in Tiananmen Square. Think what Iraq, starved by sanctions, could spend its United Nations Reward Points on (say, 300 points for each UN weapons inspector that Saddam Hussein allows to get on with their job).

Alternatively, we could launch a subversive campaign of disinformation to throw our loyalty cards off the scent. Ask Gore Vidal to buy your nappies for you; Michael Winner's the man you want to visit Waterstone's to buy you a copy of *Debrett's Restaurant Etiquette*; send Sir Roy Strong to pick up a few cans of Spam; and Sir Edward Heath to buy the latest Primal Scream album. And my choice would be Nicholas Soames to go shopping for tanga briefs: anyone who can supply actual photos of him wearing them earns double reward points.

Now read on. But remember, we know which articles you've been reading. Next customer, please!

'I told Jack: We're in trouble'

Maureen Lipman says her brush with death has not made her nicer. Interview by **Valerie Grove**

CHRIS HARRIS



The right note: Maureen Lipman in her dressing room during rehearsals for her role in the new production of *Oklahoma!* at the National Theatre

You could say *Oklahoma!* was a good prescription for Maureen Lipman. "Oh, what a beautiful morning . . . the corn is as high as an elephant's eye". When she belts out *There Couldn't Be a Better Time to Start in Life* on the National Theatre stage from Monday, it will be clear that Maureen is very well now, thank you. People will no longer say she looks peaky or "can't have long left". It is a year since her second operation on a spinal tumour.

The first took place in 1994, for a neurofibroma, a noncancerous tumour on the spinal cord, wrapped round the nerve to her right hand. "They caught it just in time. I was a lucky girl."

But trouble returned last summer. The deflated tumour had filled with fluid. She pulled out of *Blithe Spirit* at Chichester, and had another operation. She also saw a psychic healer, and is convinced this helped. "It sounds preposterous, but my surgeons were surprised that the tumour turned out to be where they could scrape it off without damaging the nerve." But there was another hiccup, two months ago. She was standing by a graveside in Wales, playing the mother of a Jewish boy who falls in love with a Baptist girl. It was blizzardy and cold. "Suddenly I lost the use of my right thumb. I panicked. I booked a scan on the Friday. On Saturday I'd heard nothing from the hospital. In the evening I saw *The Iceman Cometh*: it was a testament to Kevin Spacey that I could concentrate." The next morning, Sunday, May 10, was her 52nd birthday. She had arranged a big picnic on Hampstead Heath. "I stood in the kitchen lethargically packing my bagels. I said to Jack 'I think we are in trouble'.

"At that moment my surgeon rang and said breezily, 'Perfectly clear. Sorry about the delay — the machine was playing up'. And he added 'It feels like your birthday' and I said 'It IS my birthday'."

The next day she started on *Oklahoma!* As ornery Aunt Eller she is the oldest person in the cast and wears a grey curly wig. "The rest are all 20 and gorgeous and limber up with their feet in their ears. They treat me like Brown Owl. I find it physically and mentally gruelling. I'm back to normal, but surgery does make you vulnerable."

Last Sunday, when I called, Jack, her playwright husband, who had just been on *Desert Island Discs*, was in the garden, painting a birdcage bright yellow. Maureen was going to have her roots done. On a Sunday? Of course: Muswell Hill, once a stolid suburb, now jumps with life on Sundays.

When she first auditioned for a musical at the National 25 years ago, she was bursting with youthful chutzpah. She sang, unaccompanied, *O Lord Won't You Buy Me a Mercedes-Benz*, in electric-blue velour, slapping her thigh; 20 years later she auditioned for Adelaide in *Guys and Dolls* with the same song. "But after two bars I stopped and said 'I can't do this part'."

Now, she says, everything is six times harder. "Where does the confidence go? I'm bad at not being good at things. I lose faith in myself. I'm programmed to be good."

Since the children left home — Adam to Cambridge, Amy doing David Edgar's MA writing course in Birmingham — even Maureen, who once said she had gone back to work "the minute the placenta hit the pedal-bin", began to suffer empty-nest syndrome. She has set her heart on a dog, an Entlescherbucher Sennenhund. "Tireless, amusing and friendly . . . and extraordinarily strict with cows," she reads from the dog book. " 'Can transport cans of milk and mountain cheese'. Wouldn't that be useful around these parts?" To replace kids? I ask. "Yup. Done kids, now it's dogs. Got to think ahead."

> 'I wish I could say that I was deeper now, but I can't'

At 24, Amy has already had a play at the Royal Court. "It was on tape, and they played it in the bar. That's a parental heartbreaker — people chatting loudly while your daughter's play is coming over the Tannoy. You want to shout 'Shut the — up'!"

This language is out of character. Maureen fulminates about the overuse of the F-word. "The cinema, which I love, is completely effed up by the word being used as adjective, verb, adverb and noun. But if you say this to screenwriters, they say 'That's how people talk'. And I say 'Not round my way they don't'."

After last summer's horrors she went (in a neckbrace) to Ireland to recuperate ("there's something weirdly healing about Ireland") and then took a Caribbean cruise, where she swam with a dolphin, an experience she recommends. "His name was Jake. 'Give him a kiss' they said and I did. Afterwards I felt completely happy for about five weeks. Having said 'I want to be alone', within a day I was at the origami class, the lectures on ballroom dancing, learning macrame . . ." She produced a photograph of herself with Jake, grinning broadly.

"I wish I could say I was a nicer, deeper person now, but I can't. But I was on *Midweek* with Tracy Edwards, the yachtswoman, who was describing how a 50ft wave broke her mast, and I heard myself say 'Tracy, what is the matter with you? What are you doing out there?' and she said 'It's a challenge, it makes me feel alive'. I said 'Next time you feel this urge ring me, we'll go have a cappuccino, go shopping, see a movie'. And Libby [Purves] said 'Great idea for a radio series: *What Is the Matter with You?* We'd get Ranulph Fiennes and Richard Branson and I'd say 'What are you doing up there? Get down at once! Stop being so silly'.

"They might say 'Well, what are YOU doing up there with 35 20-year-olds, jumping and ducking and diving and being lifted out of a huge drum . . . I suppose it's my way of doing what Tracy does."

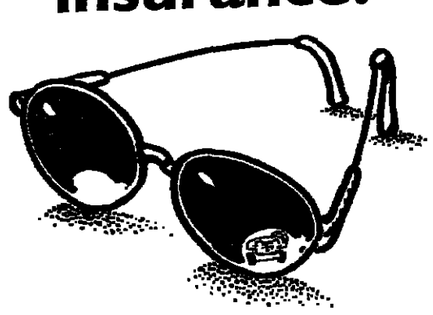
She'd done enough one-woman shows, with her brilliant Joyce Grenfell and her *Live and Kidding*. "I was liking it rather too much. I thought I'd better get the pack instinct again. That's what we are in this business for."

It had been the usual crowded Lipman week. She had spoken at Benny Green's funeral, rehearsed all afternoon, then was filmed by a TV crew "because a mechanical digger has been named after me in Hull. I stood with a faxed picture of my digger with 'Maureen' on its side, and made a speech. That's better than the Bafta I never got. If I'm remembered for Maureen the Mechanical Digger, I'm happy.

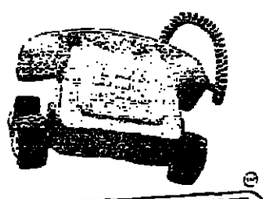
"I'll show you something." She unzipped her blue track suit top to reveal a nasty bruise on her hip. "Want to know how I got that? I fell off the shelf in the sauna, trying to raise one eyebrow higher than the other. You see, I haven't changed at all. I still do all the things that made me ill.

"I know who my friends are, and I was grateful to the kids, but I don't want to sound too serious about it. I haven't lost my humour and I still take everything with a drum of Cerebos. Have a bagel."

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Poets cry out for a commentary

Daniel Johnson wants critics to return to their sources

It has been a good week for the commentary. I refer, of course, not to the legions of commentators on the World Cup, Wimbledon or the Test match, but to John Fuller's *W.H. Auden: A Commentary* (Faber), well reviewed in *The Times* yesterday by Peter Ackroyd. For many scholars this 600-page gloss on Auden's poetry and drama would be a life's work, but Fuller is a distinguished poet, novelist and essayist in his own right. As the *genius loci* of Eng Lit at Magdalen College, Oxford, he has nurtured generations of writers with selfless generosity and painstakingly close reading of their juvenilia. An Oxford don of the old school, he remains plain Mr Fuller, typically modest in his disclaimer, after three decades' study: "There are limits to one man's understanding of such a polymath as Auden."

Fuller is right: his book reveals Auden as a truly cosmopolitan poet, whose vast range of sources was not unique among his older contemporaries — one thinks of Eliot, Yeats or his father-in-law, Thomas Mann — but beggars comparison in the homogenised Europe of our time. The English man of letters was once necessarily also a European one; but because the species to which Auden belonged is now extinct, the need for a commentary such as Fuller's is urgent.

> In Britain theory is still in the ascendant

Some of Auden's most memorable lyrical verse requires very little exegesis: Fuller gives *Stop all the clocks* (the elegy recited in *Four Weddings and a Funeral*) one short paragraph. All comment is superfluous for that perfect blues pastiche. But some Auden poems are palimpsests of Western culture: so densely packed with metaphor and allusion that the texture is the text. Each stanza is a miniature version of his encyclopaedic commonplace book, *A Certain World*. Poets like this cry out for a commentary.

This is the true significance of Fuller's exposition: over and above his services to readers of Auden, he has revived the commentary as a vehicle of *scholarship*.

It is high time. Because the page-by-page commentary requires a high degree of objectivity and humility, it has fallen out of fashion among ambitious academics. The apotheosis of the critic under the aegis of Post-Modernism has led to the eclipse of traditional textual commentary. Publishers, too, prefer "companions" or other collections of articles, often remote in matter and manner from the author they are ostensibly elucidating, but useful to scholars under institutional pressure to be prolific.

Fuller's antithesis is another Oxford don, Terry Eagleton, who holds the most prestigious chair of English at the university. He has never written a book-length commentary on another author, and I hazard a guess that he never will. The professor is no mere commentator: he is a theorist. His works include *Criticism and Ideology*, *Marxism and Literary Criticism*, *The Function of Criticism*, *The Ideology of the Aesthetic*, *The Significance of Theory*, *Ideology: An Introduction* and (improbably) *The Illusions of Postmodernism*. Though he has written monographs on Samuel Richardson (*The Rape of Clarissa*) and the Brontës (*Myths of Power*), they are mostly about such topics as sexual politics, the class struggle and the Irish Famine.

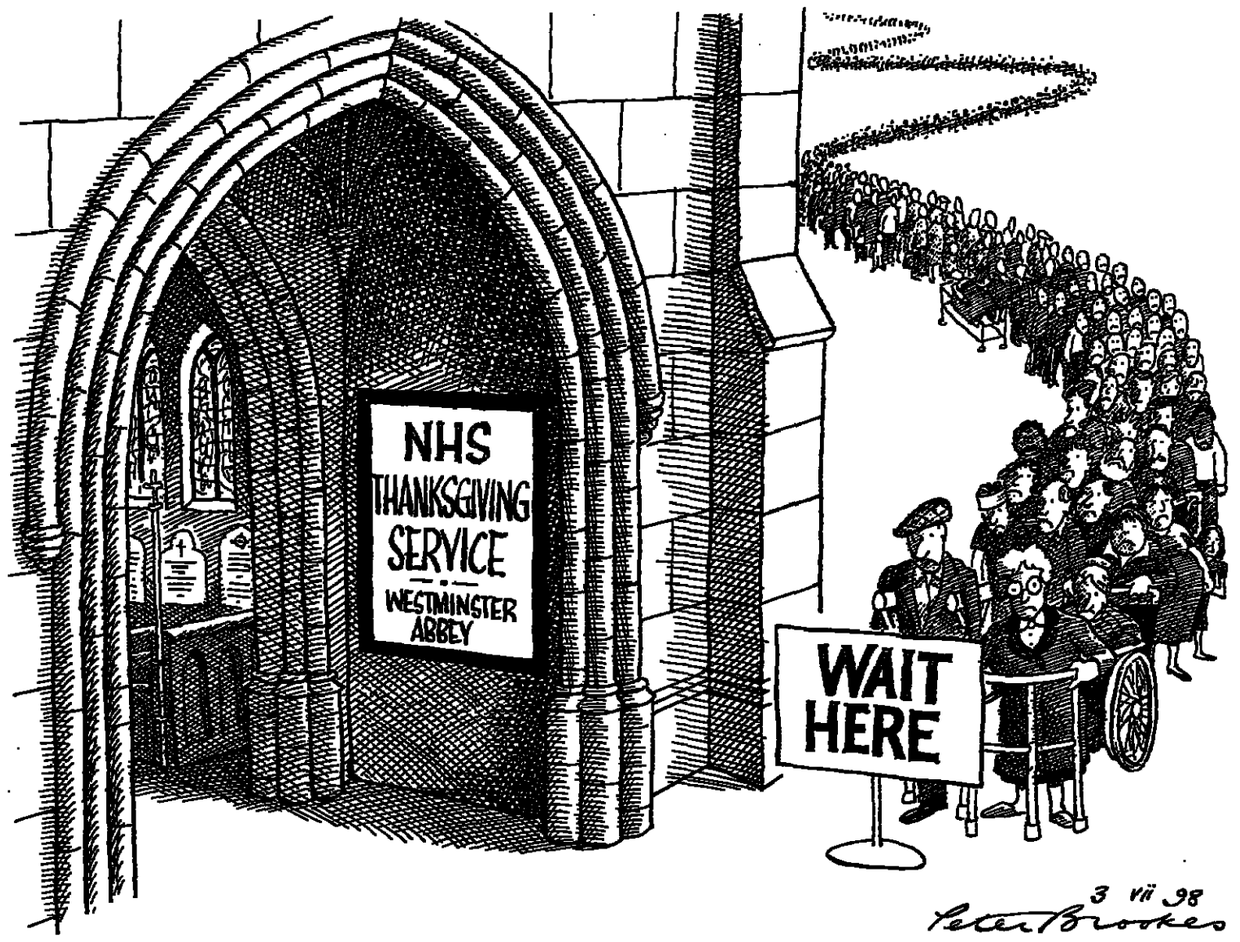
One answer to all this is contained in another book published this week: *Intellectual Impostures* by Alan Sokal and Jean Bricmont (Profile). This little squib scandalised Parisian intellectuals when it appeared in French last year, because it demonstrated that some fashionable theorists are certainly pseudo-scientific and probably bogus. In Britain, the star of theory is still in the ascendant. Oxford recently downgraded Anglo-Saxon in favour of literary theory. If Eagleton is the model of a modern major critic — and I fear he is — then it may not be surprising that commentaries have become rare birds.

Yet as a literary form, the commentary has a glorious history. It originally meant an informal memoir or history, as in Julius Caesar's *Commentaries* on the Gallic Wars, but soon acquired its critical connotation with the explosion of biblical and other textual exegesis in the early Christian centuries. The medieval commentary reached its apogee at about the same time that Gothic architecture emerged: the early 12th century. St Bernard of Clairvaux, the most formidable churchman of that era, wrote a commentary on the *Song of Songs* in the form of more than 80 sermons. It is an intellectual edifice no less sublime than the 338 Cistercian abbeys founded by the time of his death, whose builders were inspired by his preaching.

In our day the concept of the commentary has generally lost its rigour: the idea that comment and facts are interdependent. We tend to echo unthinkingly C.P. Scott's crude adage: "Comment is free, but facts are sacred." The word "comment" just means "opinion"; a leading New York journal of opinion does indeed call itself *Commentary*.

But now and then the older idea resurfaces, as it has in John Fuller's homage to Auden. There are commentaries on most classical or medieval and many modern poets; why shouldn't more recent, even living, ones receive the same treatment? Are Ted Hughes and Seamus Heaney, James Fenton and Geoffrey Hill less worthy of dissection in detail? And why only poets?

Above all, Fuller's book is *useful*, enhancing the pleasure of Auden's verse by enabling the untutored reader to grasp how the prosody works. One of Auden's last poems, the *Posthumous Letter to Gilbert White*, concludes: "I have, though, thank God, the right to re-read you." Auden would have been delighted with the excuse Fuller has given us to re-read him.



Up the creek with Paisley

Tory policy on Ulster is not just an odious spectacle; it is also a serious mistake

Matthew Parris

It was the most odious spectacle this Parliament has produced. With Ian Paisley telling, a scattering of Tories walked through the "aye" lobby in support of an amendment which would have derailed Northern Ireland's Good Friday agreement. Defeated, the Principal Opposition joined Mr Paisley in force, voting against the whole measure on what looked like a two-line whip. The occasion was a stain on the name of the Conservative Party.

William Hague has got off lightly. The press has not woken up to the enormity of what he did; the Government's attitude has been a rather grown-up "least said, soonest mended". There is time for Hague to divert. But unless he rows back fast, the Tories may be swept up an exceptionally nasty creek. It is not, repeat not, a good idea for the Principal Opposition to find itself aligned with Ian Paisley. To inflame the issue of arms decommissioning, and to undermine the pro-agreement parties in the House of Commons days before the first elections to a Northern Ireland Assembly was an act of shameful irresponsibility.

In embarrassing David Trimble at a time for him of terrible vulnerability, and in trying to trip and catch the Prime Minister out in the unavoidable ambiguities which such an hour requires, the Conservative Party has succumbed, in a way we can only hope is not a pointer of things to come, to its hooligan tendency. David Trimble, whom 90 per cent of Britain sees as some kind of a hero, has had a serious wobble at a raw point in Irish history, and I feel ashamed as a Conservative that my party helped to cause this.

One is reluctant to kick a man when he's ill, but this was William Hague's most serious mistake. It calls into question either his own judgment, or his Shadow Cabinet's *teamwork*. It certainly calls into question their calibre.

I still cannot quite believe it. British Tories now find themselves destabilising the leader of the Ulster Unionists — and doing so from the *right*. Mr Hague joins some of the most disliked politicians in Britain in snapping at the heels of a Prime Minister who has pushed forward the best thing John Major ever did.

However did they get themselves into this? If you look closely enough at the trees and ignore the wood, it is just possible to understand, though never to approve. The issue concerns decommissioning. How directly can the release of prisoners be linked to the handing in of weapons? Everyone agrees the two are connected, but in the talks it was not possible to reach agreement on a mechanical link. This was well-known. Norman Tebbit made the point repeatedly before the referendum.

Every household was sent a copy of the agreement. Participants pledged their best endeavours to achieve decommissioning.

That called for interpretation. This is how Tony Blair has put it: among the matters to "*take into account*" (my italics) when "clarifying whether the terms and spirit of the agreement are being met and whether violence has genuinely been given up for good" was "full co-operation with the independent commission on decommissioning, to implement the provisions of the agreement". Anyone can see — and everyone did see — that he was treading carefully.

Mr Trimble knows his troops want more, but has stuck bravely to an understanding that there can be no "cherry-picking". Too bad that the Tories lack that courage. There is such a thing as honest ambiguity and this is a case in point.

The dishonest party in the subsequent controversy has been neither Tony Blair, whose careful ambiguity was plain: take it or leave it; nor Paisley and the "no" campaigners, who declined to take it; nor Lord Tebbit, who railed against it from the *outset*. These people have been straightforward. The cheats have been the Principal Opposition. Afraid of raining on the Blair-Major-Trimble parade, but desirous of drizzling on it, the Tories have started to pretend that Blair has changed his position on decommissioning. This gives them their excuse for harrying the legislation — though they supported the agreement.

They know it is touch-and-go whether the Northern Ireland Assembly can be made to work. They could help. Conservatives are heard with a measure of respect by Unionists. The Assembly election last week, with Mr Trimble's future in the balance, was *the moment for the Conservative Party to throw all its weight behind him*. Instead they reopened their options on the whole enterprise. Unpleasant voices in the Tory party are preparing to say "we told you so; we never liked it in the first place" if the Assembly fails.

And they have made it more likely to fail. They have given heart to the anti-agreement people in the Province. To those unhesitatingly opposed, they have offered relief from isolation: how can we call them extremists when the Tories vote in their lobby? Those still hesitating — wavering supporters of Mr Trimble who might, by a show of unanimity, be persuaded to sneak back into line — they have encouraged to be renegades. And in the Province as a whole, they have helped to spread alarm and despondency about the Assembly's prospects.

Trimble is furious. Patrick Mayhew, Mo Mowlam's Tory predecessor, is furious. In Coleraine this week, he said that the Bill delivered what the agreement promised. Acknowledging that he was breaking his own party's new line, he said "it is my duty to speak as I believe". Astonishingly, this was hardly reported on the mainland.

John Major missed that Commons vote. I cannot believe that he disagrees with Sir Patrick, or that he could have followed Mr Hague into the "no" lobby. One brave Tory, Douglas Hogg, rebelled. Mr Hogg said he disliked the way the Prime Minister had fudged. He sympathised with the "attitudes, thoughts and passions" which led some to demand an explicit linkage between decommissioning and the release of prisoners. But his party supported the agreement and the people of Northern Ireland had voted for it. And "anybody who read the agreement knows full well that there is no linkage".

The speech from the chief opposition spokesman, Andrew MacKay, dithered all over the place. At one point he seemed to accept that there can be no hard-and-fast linkage — indeed, he insisted that an earlier (failed) Tory amendment did not ask for such. He presented his party's demands as being perfectly consonant with the Government's wishes. *And then he marched his troops into* the "no" lobby against the whole Bill!

I smell what is going on here. I wish it were just incompetence, but I suspect worse. The Tories are beginning a slow cave-in to the *Daily Telegraph* tendency. A spreading hostility to the whole spirit of the agreement is seeping through the party.

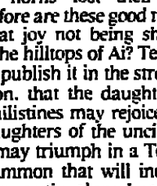
There was always going to be a strand of that among Tory attitudes. Tories found it difficult to accept that Mahatma Gandhi had to be treated with as a national leader rather than a fanatical agitator. After Mau Mau, their *Daily Telegraph* tendency could not accept that Jomo Kenyatta needed to be brought into the fold; and it was opposed to dealing with Archbishop Makarios, the covert supporter of Eoka terrorist murder who eventually became the leader of independent Cyprus. It supported Ian Smith and almost persuaded Margaret Thatcher to throw in her lot with the white Rhodesians. Now it *wants this agreement to fail*.

The *Daily Telegraph* strand of Toryism is entitled to its unforgiving philosophy: a creed which needs representing; a creed which is understandable, arguable, honourable, and wrong. But the skill of any adroit Tory leader, from Harold Macmillan through Margaret Thatcher to John Major, has been to contain *The Daily Telegraph* without succumbing to it.

Does Hague understand this? Do the bunkered Tories see that they need to reach out to the uncommitted, *not scratch the backs of diehard* supporters?

Somebody once said that if you want to lead, you must be prepared to disappoint the few you will meet in order to answer the many you never will. What Mr Blair is trying to do in Northern Ireland is not only (in my view) right; it is (on any view) enormously popular. If it succeeds, William Hague would not be *thanked for having kicked Blair's shins* along the way. If it fails, he will not be excused for his part, however slight, in that failure.

Philip Howard



■ Joshua razed Jericho: why not raise the stakes?

1 Now the word hath gone forth among the Canaanites and the Children of Israel that Jericho, the city of the West Bank not the suburb of Oxford, shall be converted into the mightiest gambling complex in the Middle East: but the evangelists bearing trumpets of rams' horns are blowing the tidings with an uncertain sound, more like the pianissimo tinkling of cymbals than a great shout to make walls fall down.

2. Verily this Casino shall be called Oasis, its gospel is being handled by a PR company in Tel Aviv, and its leader is Mohamed Rashid, the Chief Minister for shekels of dollar and shekels of euro to Yassir Arafat, King of all the Arafites: and when it openeth this autumn the prophet saith that it shall rival Las Vegas and Monte Carlo, Sun City and Birmingham, and all the cities of the plain for the splendour of its roulette wheels and the haughty majesty of its croupiers in their evening robes of lambswool and fine linen.

3. So why have the trumpets of rams' horns lost their puff, wherefore are these good tidings of great joy not being shouted from the hilltops of Ai? Tell it in Gath, publish it in the streets of Askelon, that the daughters of the Philistines may rejoice, that the daughters of the uncircumcised may triumph in a Temple of Mammon that will increase the gross national product of the Children of Arafat by one *hundredfold, nay even one* thousandfold in percentages, which have yet to be invented at the time of the generations of Joshua and the translations of the Authorized Version.

4. For Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh were the only two who ever got through to the Land of Milk and Honey. And even unto this day schoolchildren remember the chronicle of how Joshua compassed the City of Jericho, and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall went down flat. And all the inhabitants thereof were slaughtered, apart from Rahab, the harlot in Jericho with good political sense, who had been tried in the field and found wanton.

5. Jericho also featureth in the Book of Samuel as the place of refuge whither David sent his *servants after the forefathers of* the Arafites shaved off the one half of their beards, and cut off their garments in the middle, even to their buttocks. He bade his servants tarry there until their beards were grown. Hence cometh the proverb in English of Jericho as a place of retirement or concealment, or a place far distant and out of the way, so that a man may bid his enemy to go thither to Jericho. A similar fate befell Coventry as a city whither no man in his right mind would go voluntarily.

6. The stealth of the genesis of this casino is ordained by the laws of the Sadducees and Pharisees. For even unto this day casinos are illegal in Israel. And the Prophet and his high-minded sons detest gambling as the lamb detesteth the lion and the turtle feareth the asp.

7. Let the king prohibit gambling and betting in his kingdom, for these are vices that destroy the kingdoms of princes. For verily gaming is the child of avarice, the brother of iniquity, and the father of mischief. And apart from that, the Arafites suspect that the shekels from Oasis will get into the wrong hands, ie, not theirs.

8. Nevertheless, not so fast, squire. Jericho, the earliest *continuous settlement in the world*, hath not enjoyed so wonderful a history over the past 110 centuries that turning it into Las Vegas will not be an improvement. It sitteth below the sea in a malarial valley, and is hotter than Gehenna. This overheated, earthen basement of the world is the place where man first turned from a hunter-gatherer into a farmer and city dweller within walls, fragile to Joshua's trumpets though they were, Selah.

9. Herod the Great built his winter palace in Jericho, after the high Roman fashion, brown-nosing his Masters: and a fat lot of good it did him.

10. And apart from that, the history of Jericho from 30 generations BC to the latest wars with the Israelites has been nasty, brutish, short, hot and ghastly for the people. Disregarding the rage of the zealots, anything is an improvement for the inhabitants of Jericho. Heads I win, tails thou losest. Gaming is a madness of the spirit, in which the player always loseth. But it is better than blood and brutality which have been the lot of Jericho until now.

Sister axed

GORDON BROWN'S girlfriend has been dropped by Labour as a fundraiser. Sarah Macaulay was employed along with Julia Hobsbawm, her business partner, to persuade plutocratic socialists to part with their dosh. But now Hobsbawm Macaulay Communications has been eased out, reflecting the rather awkward relationship between Tony Blair and Gordon Brown. She and Hobsbawm have also resigned as members of Ken Follett's 1,000 Club of wealthy Labour supporters. Macaulay joined Hobsbawm, the daughter of Eric, the Marxist historian, in 1993. Around the same time, Hobsbawm introduced Macaulay to Brown, who struck up a particularly modern relationship. If they meet for dinner, a snapper often seems to be present to record the smiles. An engagement has not followed.



The partnership between the two women also prospered as the cheques floated in. Now their only work for the party is in Scotland, increasingly seen as Brown's fiefdom, where they organise gala dinners. "We have always supported the Labour Party," says Hobsbawm, "and will continue to do so." Only from the stands now.

● *AT a fog-bound railway station, two former partners in a turbulent relationship meet. The brief encounter between Kenneth Clarke, the former Chancellor, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, on the 12:50 to Birmingham, followed a script reminiscent of their hit "Ken and Eddie" show. "I met Eddie on the train and I told him the rates were too high, that I wouldn't have let them get so high, and that we would suffer if they didn't drop," says Clarke. And like two strangers, they parted.*

Spin off

JUDY GRAHAME, the new spin-doctor at the Royal Opera House, is poised to sue her bosses. She has been talking to lawyers after a vote of no confidence in her was passed by staff, and gripes about her were faxed to newspapers.

Grahame arrived at Christmas shortly before Keith Cooper, its director of corporate affairs, was sacked. In *The House*, a fly-on-the-wall documentary, he was filmed attacking a subordinate before firing him on screen. "Judy has taken advice on her position," says Pelham Allen, the chief executive. "Some staff felt seriously enough to pass a vote of no confidence, continuing the unfortunate tradition this place has." Halcyon days.

● *SUE BARKER (pictured), Wimbledon commentator and erstwhile silky passer, has lost her tennis rackets. She blames the removal men during her recent move to Surrey. How does she cope? "I've been playing a few games of golf." Still, if she must move to Surrey...*

Standing joke

REBELLION in the pews still festers at Westminster Abbey. The Dean of Westminster, Wesley Carr, has upset regulars, including Frank Field and Dame Ruth Railton, by insisting that the altar rails be removed, forcing those receiving Holy Communion to stand rather than kneel. The latest complaint follows mounting bitterness among the congregation about Carr's run-in with Martin Neary, the organist and Master of Choristers, and the sacking of women guides over 75.

"It's all very sad," says Railton, founder of the National Youth Orchestra and widow of Cecil Harmsworth King. "The services were always so dignified. Now you go up to the altar and find something very different."



● *JUST when it seemed all over. Damien Hirst and Keith Allen, after their anthem to football yobbery* Vindaloo, *plan to make another record. Their new theme? Christmas. December abroad suddenly seems rather appealing.*

Peer pressure

THE INFLUX of Tony Blair's new Labour peers is causing terrible strains in Hampstead, where every second resident now seems to be lord: for who shall become Baron of Hampstead? Unfortunately for some of the London enclave's more fashionable residents, the handle has been nabbed by Tony Clarke, erstwhile postie and MP.

I gather he has just squared it with the Garter King of Arms to become Baron Clarke of Hampstead. This is bad news for that other Hampstead figure, poor old Melvyn Bragg, who, as I disclosed earlier this week, is struggling to dream up a suitable title.



● *PETER PHILLIPS (pictured), the son of the Princess Royal who so excites my new tweeny Edwina, is continuing to break royal tradition. He has, I can disclose, got himself a job. And what is more, he has refused payment. The 20-year-old undergraduate at Exeter has started work experience at Jackie Stewart's new grand prix car factory in Milton Keynes. The other day his old Mum visited the site, while he was scrubbing cars.*

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IN PLACE OF THE STATE

A new prescription for the NHS 50 years on

"Ancestor worship", wrote Aneurin Bevan in *In Place of Fear*, "is the most conservative of all religions. The great radical should, then, be embarassed by the tributes paid this week by his political descendants. But of all the formidable qualities boasted by the founder of the National Health Service, modesty was not prominent. Immediately after leaving office he was inclined to refer to the NHS as "*my* health service". And, to a great extent, it still is. The National Health Service at 50 has grown to a size its founder could never have imagined, but its virtues and defects are those with which it was born.

The creation of the NHS required a politician of supreme confidence to win round a sceptical medical profession and an unconvinced Cabinet. Bevan, however, succeeded in the end with a combination of guile, in winning over the Royal College of Physicians, and guts, in enduring calls for his resignation which stretched from the Tory back-benches to *The Observer*.

Progress towards the creation of a proper public health service had begun in Victorian times with a series of Public Health Acts, gathered pace with the Liberal landslide of 1906, found eloquent expression in Beatrice Webb's call for a service free to all in need, and a firm foundation in the Lloyd George Government's creation of a Ministry of Health in 1919. The impetus for change after 1945 was twofold: the experience of wartime direction of health care and the Beveridge report, *Social Insurance and Allied Services* of 1944. The report, although it favoured health care free at the point of use, argued that the best method of funding was through some form of insurance payment. It argued: "Previous (insurance) contribution is the ideal, better even than free service supported by the taxpayer".

Bevan chose to part company from Beveridge on that point, establishing a service which has been dependent solely on the taxpayer all its life. The NHS's structure has had eloquent defenders, not least in Richard Titmuss, whose book *The Gift Relationship* makes a formidable case that the altruism necessary in a civilised society is found in the constitution of the NHS, most noticeably in the operation of the blood transfusion service. But the method of funding that Bevan chose has proved a crude restraint rather than a support.

From the beginning costs exceeded expectations. The demand for GP services in 1948-49 and 1949-50 was projected at £268 million and then £352 million, but proved to be £373 million and then £449 million. It was the decision of Hugh Gaitskell as Chancellor to impose charges to deal with spiralling expenditure that precipitated Bevan's resignation. Since then the principle of a tax-funded NHS has been nibbled at but seldom confronted. Enoch Powell gave warning that "there is virtually no limit to the amount of medical care an individual is capable of absorbing". And thus virtually no limit to how much money the NHS can absorb. Yesterday's announcement by Tony Blair of modernisation money is welcome, but the very act of dealing with the NHS by increasing state spending is very *un*modern.

Last month, in the Kathleen A. Raven Memorial Lecture, the former Treasury Chief Secretary Michael Portillo argued that there were alternative models, European indeed, which showed how a nation could enjoy a better-funded public health service by relying on social insurance to supplement the State. The Netherlands enjoys a superb health service, funded from insurance, and founded on principles which, he quoted approvingly, were "private initiative, independence, self-help and respect for the autonomy of the agencies and professions involved". Fifty years on, in place of the fear of change which has bedevilled debate about the NHS, Tony Blair should have the courage to learn the right lessons from our European partners.

METTERNICH'S ORPHANS

Gone is the grasp of history that shaped the Congress of Vienna

For nine months, 184 years ago, Europe's statesmen danced the Vienna nights away and, by day, laboured at the leisurely pace of those days on a postwar structure for the European continent. The result was a monumental treaty that embraced not only territories but constitutional and economic arrangements. The Austrian presidency of the European Union which begins this week will be briefer than the Congress of Vienna — much briefer, since holidays and the German elections will effectively bring EU business to a halt until the last three months of this year. Undaunted, the Austrian Government has proposed a frenetic schedule of meetings, 2,300 for officials and 50 involving EU politicians in addition to the ritual couple of EU summits.

The shades of Metternich, Talleyrand and Castlereagh may permit themselves a wry smile at the thought of so much labour to bring forth a mouse or two. For the depressing indication from modern Vienna is that it is the footnotes of the late 20th century, not the wide vistas of the 21st, that will be keeping their successors so busy. The Government of Viktor Klima seems more preoccupied with proving that it can keep the machinery well-oiled than to accelerate the admission of Central European members which ought, for reasons of geography and history, to be Austria's natural vocation.

Officially, enlargement is a "priority", albeit one ranked lower than secondary legislation on the European Central Bank or suspect ambitions for harmonised EU taxes in order to restrict competition for investment capital. In practice the prosperous Austrian public, the majority of which agrees with the ultra-right politician Jörg Haider that enlargement will mean more crime, fewer jobs and "hundreds of thousands of immigrants arriving on our doorsteps", is dead against admitting any Central European country except Hungary.

Instead of countering their prejudices with the incontrovertible evidence that Austria, whose trade with Central Europe has added 2.5 per cent to its GDP since 1989, would be a prime beneficiary of a larger EU, their leaders dance around the question like cats on hot tiles. Wolfgang Schüssel, the Foreign Minister whose horizons are wider than is usual in the airless hothouse of Austrian coalition politics, speaks of expansion as "fulfilling the dreams" of the EU's founders. But even he places most stress on ridding enlargement of its "negative side-effects".

Some Central Europeans grumble that neutral Austria was chummier with their Cold War dictators than it is with their new democratic governments. They also say that they need no lectures either in democracy or in economic restructuring from a country whose centrist parties have shared power and carved up political patronage between them for 50 years. They exaggerate, but their irritation is understandable.

"Asia begins in the Landstrasse," Metternich said: Vienna lies east of Prague and Austria has borders with, and once ruled, three of the five front-runners for EU membership. Culturally, as its sponsorship of the current festival of Central European culture in London underlines, Vienna is again the crossroads it was in the heyday of the Habsburg empire. But politically, Austria shrinks from its natural bridging role. The restrictions it wants to set on enlargement are anti-competitive, myopic and bad for Western as well as Eastern Europe. Herr Schüssel says that the EU "should not be afraid to tackle the difficult questions". Tony Blair should take him up on that.

SPORTING COLOURS

Fancy dress is fun, so long as it does not spoil fun for others

The summer of sport is a season of silly costumes. This weekend, from the boaters and blazers of the Henley Regatta to face paint and flags on Centre Court, spectators will be flaunting fancy dress. At Ascot the outriders of the Queen's landau wear white perukes as eccentric as the ginger wigs of any football fan. The toppers and tails of the Royal Enclosure, the theatrical hats and frocks of Ladies' Day are more flamboyant by far than any spectator display at the World Cup in France — except that of Jamaica perhaps.

Cricket too has its barmy army; mad ambassadors who don wild head-dress. In recent years they have spread a fashion for outlandish costumes around pavilions already adorned with the loud ties and garish stripes of more traditional club members. But yesterday Lancashire County Cricket Club, along with a ban on importing any alcohol into its Old Trafford ground, refused admission to spectators in dress that was deemed offensive: full bodysuits that dangerously impede mobility, extravagant head-dresses that block others' view.

Brian Cheesman, a sociology lecturer who has cropped up at televised Test matches wearing nothing but a carrot costume, will have to peel off his skin or stay out. But anyone, says an Old Trafford representative, is welcome to come as Anne Boleyn. All that matters is that she should keep her head tucked well under her arm.The wearing of costumes at sporting events has ancient roots. In the Roman Empire the chariots which tore round the Circus Maximus belonged to associations of contractors who were distinguished by their colours, red and white at first, later blue and green as well. There was keen partisanship among the cheering public. And Pliny tells how one chariot owner, Caecina of Volaterrae, ordered that homing swallows be daubed with paint to announce his victories. In medieval jousting tournaments, knights, their squires and supporters wore the heraldic colours of their liege lords and the favours of their lady loves.

Today the insignia, styles and celebrations of sporting fans reveal their membership of a tribe, at once inclusive and exclusive. Each has its own chants and customs and ceremonial dress. Their display adds to the pleasure and spectacle of a sporting event. It should not be discouraged. But in the mannered war which marks any sporting contest, courtesy among the spectators is paramount. Rigid etiquette should not stifle the recreation of some, any more than eccentric enthusiasm should be allowed to detract from the peace or enjoyment of others. A carrot should be welcome at a cricket match, as long it does not crop up at the point when the bowler is bowling. What sport does not need is a row of cabbages.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Barristers' loss of court monopoly

From Sir Frederick Lawton

Sir, You have welcomed in your leading article today, "A ram at the Temple", the Lord Chancellor's proposal to scrap the Bar's near monopoly of work in the higher courts. So will many members of the public. But if they find themselves involved as litigants or accused they may regret having instructed a solicitor rather than a barrister to represent them; and for a near certainty the cost of doing so will not be less.

Advocacy is a skill. For a few it is inborn; but for most it is acquired by long experience, which barristers begin to acquire from the day they are called to the Bar. Solicitors acquire it, if they ever do, between doing other work. Even in the largest firms solicitors are unlikely to acquire as much experience as barristers of the same standing. This is particularly so in specialist areas such as defamation, intellectual property and tax.

Barristers are a convenience to both solicitors and their clients. By briefing a barrister in the ordinary run of cases a solicitor saves his client money. The brief fee is likely to be no more, possibly less, than the cost to his client of his time travelling to the court and being there. Much of it is likely to be wasted waiting for the case to start; but will have to be paid for by the client.

All this is shown by what happens in the county courts. Ever since they were set up in 1846, solicitors have had a right of audience in them. In practice nearly all difficult and lengthy cases are conducted by barristers. Solicitors tend to know their limitations as advocates and what costs can be saved by briefing barristers.

Yours truly,
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From Mr Ronald Thwaites, QC

Sir, If they are able to read the writing on the Temple wall, the Lord Chancellor's proposals (report, "Irvine to scrap Bar's court monopoly", June 26) will have given a nasty jolt to all up-and-coming barristers. But no one can deny that competition is good and that restrictive practices are bad: monopoly situations inevitably produce many evils, including complacency, the enemy of motivation, originality and efficiency.

Judges and recorders frequently complain about the poor advocacy of barristers who currently appear before them. Colloquial conversational mumbling punctuated with mind-numbing clichés is no substitute for advocacy. The old rules are best: unless you constantly strive to do better, you are bound to get worse. The way to present arguments attractively (decorated for a jury and desiccated for a judge) is by thorough preparation combined with relevant experience.

It is plain that in future, as in the past, the Bar will be used as a referral profession, for difficult rather than routine cases, for second opinions and for our "superior" advocacy skills: but only if we can continue to convince our potential clients, by our performances in and out of court, that we possess the specialist qualities which they require.

If the only way in which an observer can distinguish between the court-room advocacy of a barrister and that of a solicitor is by noting that one of them is wearing a horsehair wig, the time cannot be far off when we are consumed by fusion of the professions. No one will lament our passing.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mrs Marion Heath

Sir, Your report today quotes Lord Irvine as saying: "Antiquated restrictions on which lawyers can appear in the higher courts, which force people to pay for two lawyers in cases where one would do, can have no place in this system."

The fact that the public is not allowed direct access to the Bar produces precisely the same effect. If solicitors are now to be given wider rights of audience, it is clear that the *quid pro quo* must be to allow the public direct access to barristers.

Yours faithfully,
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Ulster democracy

From Mr Chris Leithead

Sir, Again Drumcree is demonstrating the problems with democracy in Ulster.

Modern democracy is not just a system of government, it is a way of life. It requires that those in the minority accept the right of those in the majority to govern and that those in the majority govern in the interests of all.

The Orangemen may have the democratic right to march their traditional route. They have the democratic duty not to. The future for Ulster remains in doubt until duties are seen as more important than rights.

Yours faithfully,
CHRIS LEITHEAD,
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July 1.

'Idiocy' of Bill-blocking procedure

From the Director of the Association for the Conservation of Energy

Sir, On Friday, July 3, the Energy Efficiency Bill is due to complete the final stage of its passage through the House of Commons. It is a Private Member's Bill designed to ensure that, when homes change hands, the new occupant is provided with details of measures necessary to make it energy-efficient. Effectively, it provides purchasers with the housing equivalent of an mpg rating on a car. As such, it offers economic, environmental (and subsequent employment) benefits.

This Bill was initiated by this association, a private sector-backed organisation. It has the active support of the Council of Mortgage Lenders, all other relevant professional bodies, and environmental organisations. During second reading on February 6, it was welcomed by frontbench spokesmen from all three major parties. This enthusiasm was reiterated at committee stage.

On April 24 the Bill was ready to complete its final stage. At this point, one Conservative MP, Eric Forth (Bromley and Chislehurst), intervened and objected to the Bill. Despite neither having attended the second reading debate nor volunteered for committee stage, he used this obscure parliamentary manoeuvre to block progress. He is now threatening to repeat this tomorrow. As this is the last day this session for Private Member's Bills, the measure will effectively be killed.

On June 25, following a special debate prompted by the Liberal Democrats (whose MP, John Burnett, is the Bill's sponsor), during which all three parties' spokesmen repeated their support for its progress, the House unanimously resolved that it wished to see this Bill become law this session. Mr Forth could have divided the House on that occasion, to establish whether his hostile views had support. He chose not to do so, nor did he seek to contribute to the debate.

If on Friday Mr Forth again objects to the Bill, he will have demonstrated the idiocy of a system which gives one man the power to block an initiative which continues to have enormous support, both within and without the Commons. I know that many of his colleagues are still urging Mr Forth to change his mind. Even if he will not listen to views outside the Commons, I hope he will pay heed to his colleagues.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW WARREN,
Director,
Association for the
Conservation of Energy,
Westgate House,
Prebend Street, N1 8PT.
July 2.

Drunk in custody

From Mrs Jan Prebble

Sir, The Police Complaints Authority, which published its annual report last week, was the second highly respected statutory body this year to call for detoxification centres to which drunk detainees could be sent instead of keeping them in police stations. The Audit Commission was the first, with its report, *The Doctor's Bill*, published in March (report, March 4).

Up and down the country, panels of lay visitors — members of the public appointed by the Home Office, who visit police stations in pairs, unannounced, to see that all is well in the custody suites — have been calling for detoxification centres for some years now. But no one very much has been listening to our pleas.

Under the rules of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act drunks have to be roused and some response obtained every half hour. This must then be noted in the custody record. Imagine a custody suite with perhaps three drunks, and you will see that looking after them is almost a full-time job for one policeman, allowing him little time to care for other detainees who may be there.

More than that, it is surely quite unfair to ask the custody sergeant to decide whether a man is just drunk and will sober up shortly or whether he is drunk and ill and needs a doctor. There should be somewhere for drunks to be taken where medical expertise is on hand.

The Audit Commission's report says that "recent research carried out in London suggests that a relatively straightforward arrest for being drunk and disorderly costs £200 in police time". That money could immediately be diverted to help with the costs of such centres.

May we now expect the Government to act, and act quickly, in setting up at least a pilot scheme with special facilities for detainees suffering from drink and perhaps drug abuse?

Yours sincerely,
JAN PREBBLE
(Chairman),
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Lay Visitors' Panel,
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June 28.

Cost of the euro

From Mr Colin Dauris

Sir, It is hard to understand why businessmen should believe that the UK will be effectively "in the euro" just because continental sellers are expected to demand payment in that currency (Mr M. R. Warren's letter, June 26).

Businessmen do not consider that we are "in the dollar" because we trade with the United States and because many commodities are quoted customarily in dollars on the world market. Nor do they consider that we are "in the deutschemark" because of the current level of our trade with Germany.

Those carrying out business transactions in currencies other than their own buy and sell currency ahead. They will be able to do just the same with euros. The cost of such dealing in currency, which is not at tourist exchange rates, makes a tiny addition to a business's total costs.

The cost of euro currency transactions to UK business as a whole will be negligible compared with the likely price, economic and political, if we were to join the euro.

Yours faithfully,
COLIN DAURIS,
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June 29.

Clinton in China

From Mr R. K. D. Shah

Sir, Having just returned from China, may I take issue with the warning in your leading article today, "Small leaps forward", that the changes that have taken place there are "neither inconsequential nor irreversible" [see also letter, July 1].

Inconsequential they certainly are not; but it is inconceivable to think that, having embarked on a process of change that is so starkly radical and full of promise, the Chinese leadership would ever contemplate reversing them in the foreseeable future.

Everywhere that our little group went, from Beijing to Shanghai to Souzou to Wuxi, whether by air, train or coach, the unmistakable impression that we gained was of a country on the move, with a people who can see what free enterprise has in store and are prepared to embrace it with their centuries-old values of thrift, hard work and stoicism born of long struggle for self-betterment.

Yours truly,
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Mitcham, Surrey CR4 2JA.
June 30.

All part of the plan?

From Mrs Andrew Hynes

Sir, Mervyn Evans (letter, June 25) asks who organises the bands of rain to which weather forecasters refer.

May I refer him to Job xxxvii, 11-12: [God] loads the clouds with moisture . . . at his direction they swirl around over the face of the whole earth to do whatever he commands them (New International Version).

Yours faithfully,
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June 26.

Football hooligans

From Mr C. J. Batchelor

Sir, During the reign of Henry VIII Sir Thomas Elyot, in his *The Book Named the Governor* (1531), described football as a game

wherein is nothing but beastly fury and extreme violence, whereof proceedeth hurt, and consequently rancour and malice do remain with them that be wounded, wherefore it is to be put into perpetual silence.

It would seem, four and a half centuries later, that the only change is that the violence has been transferred from the pitch to the streets.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER BATCHELOR,
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July 1.

England's defeat

From Mr Arthur W. Johns

Sir, Tuesday's tremendously exciting World Cup match was overshadowed by the dismissal of a player, quite rightly under the rules, for an unacceptable infringement. But is common justice well served? Is it right that the whole team should be weakened for the remainder of the match by the thoughtless action of one man? Send him off, yes, but replace him with a substitute.

The fans who support the game deserve to watch a match played by two full teams.

Yours sincerely,
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Kempston, Bedford MK42 8NR.
July 1.

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Tax will not drive cars from the road

From Professor John Adams

Sir, The probability recedes of the forthcoming Transport White Paper doing anything to arrest or reverse Britain's growing dependence on the car.

Last week Gavin Strang restated the Government's position that car ownership is good and car use is bad — or at least to be discouraged (report, June 25). This is disingenuous populism. His own department's road traffic forecasts published last year proclaimed the obvious: "Growth in car ownership is the major contributor to traffic growth." The average distance travelled per year by every car has been increasing slowly — from 14,000km in 1986 to 15,500km in 1996. According to Mr Strang's forecasters it will be about 17,000km by 2025.

Today we read ("Higher car tax planned for motorists who live in cities") that the Government's support for car ownership is geographically selective. This will make things worse. Curbing traffic in cities while accommodating it elsewhere will encourage further sprawl and dependence on the car. Restraint is needed most where the growth of traffic is fastest — in the suburbs and beyond.

The problem that no serious politician appears willing to address is the impossibility of providing parking space and driving space for all those who do not yet have cars but aspire to. The country is still little more than half way to the saturation level of car ownership — the level reached when everyone old enough and fit enough to drive owns a car.

The only transport policy that could claim to be both environmentally and morally sustainable is one that seeks to provide the means for all citizens to participate fully in the life of the country without the need to own a car.

Yours sincerely,
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June 29.

From Dr R. D. S. Bloore

Sir, You report that the Government is considering imposing higher car taxes on city dwellers. Can it make sense to penalise those who choose to live reasonably near their work and reward those who choose to commute huge distances by car? Surely it is long-distance commuting which causes the most pollution and congestion.

The movement from the cities to the country is already causing huge problems, with the Government planning to allow another 2.2 million homes to be built in the English countryside. Some county councils feel so strongly about this issue that they are going as far as to take the Government to court in an effort to resist unreasonable increases to their existing structural plans.

Unfortunate as it may be, the car is now an essential mode of transport for many journeys, especially for families with young or old members. If the Government further penalises city dwellers it can only accelerate the unwelcome movement from town to country.

Yours faithfully,
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June 29.

From Mr Ron Smail

Sir, The new car tax could be weighted by postcode to take into account the car owners' proximity to decent Tube, train and bus services, thus enabling comparisons to be made of the advantages in terms of car dependence to be obtained from living in, say, Islington compared with, say, Streatham.

Yours faithfully,
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June 29.

A double life

From Dr M. P. Stratford

Sir, Your report of July 2 about a religious education teacher exposed as "Nick the stripper" suggests to me there is something seriously amiss with a society that values a part-time male stripper twice as highly as a teacher of moral education at the top of his salary scale.

Yours etc,
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(Deputy Headteacher),
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July 2.

For your ears only

From Mr Ormond Uren

Sir, Radio 4 persistently features descriptions of pictures, architecture, scenery, etc, which are meaningless if you cannot see what is being referred to.

The news that *Gardener's Question Time* was recorded "in the company of 200 nudists" (report, June 29) therefore comes as no surprise.

Yours sincerely,
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PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE

July 2: The Queen this morning visited City Chambers, Edinburgh, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Edinburgh (Mr Eric Milligan, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost) and members of the Council.

Her Majesty, Patron, afterwards visited the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society at the City Chambers to mark their Seventy Fifth anniversary and was received by the President (the Earl of Mansfield and Mansfield).

The Queen viewed a dance demonstration and met dancers and musicians.

Mr Alan Simpson, winner of the annual shooting event of The Queen's Body Guard for Scotland, Royal Company of Archers, was presented to Her Majesty and received the Queen's Prize.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh gave an Afternoon Party in the garden of the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

The Princess Royal, the Lady Saltoun and the Hon Elizabeth Ramsay of Mar were present.

The Queen's Body Guard for Scotland, the Royal Company of Archers, under the command of the President of the Council, the Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry, KT, Silver Stick for Scotland, was on duty.

The High Constables of the Palace of Holyroodhouse were on duty.

The Lowland Band and the Highland Band played selections of music.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

July 2: The Prince of Wales today visited County Durham and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (Sir Paul Nicholson).

His Royal Highness this morning received an Honorary Degree from the University of Durham at the Old Shire Hall, Durham.

The Prince of Wales, Patron, the National Association of Almshouses, this afternoon visited the Durham Aged Mineworkers' Homes Association Almshouse, Bowburn.

His Royal Highnesss later opened a factory of International Cuisine at Consett.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

July 2: The Princess Royal this morning visited Weber Marking Systems, Macmerry Industrial Estate, Tranent, on their Twenty Fifth Anniversary and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of East Lothian (Major Sir Hew Hamilton-Dalrymple, Bt.).

Her Royal Highness, Patron, this afternoon launched Victim Support Scotland's *Support After Murder* project at Edinburgh City Chambers and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Edinburgh (Mr Eric Milligan, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

KENSINGTON PALACE

July 2: The Duke of Gloucester, Patron, Inner London Probation Service, this morning visited ASSET (Advice and Support Service for Employment and Training), Gateway Centre, Lancaster Street, South East London; the Community Service Project, St Anselms Church, Kennington; and the River Wandle Project, Trewint Street, Earlsfield, South West London.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

July 2: The Duke of Kent this morning opened the Department of Trade and Industry's Finance Centre conference facilities in Gibraltar.

His Royal Highness afterwards visited the Ministry of Tourism. Duke of Kent House, and attended a Reception at the Convent to celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the British Red Cross in Gibraltar.

The Duke of Kent this afternoon attended a Lunch at the Convent given by the Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Gibraltar (His Excellency the Rt Hon Sir Richard Luce).

His Royal Highness later arrived at Royal Air Force Northolt from Gibraltar.

Captain Dominic Hampshire was in attendance.

DOUG MOIR



Martin Bell, MP, checks his academic cap and gown, watched by Professor William Stevely, Vice-Chancellor and Principal of Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, which yesterday made Mr Bell an honorary Doctor of Letters

Premium Bonds

The following Premium Bond prize-winners were announced yesterday:

£100,000: 61BZ 733828, winner has a holding of £19,995 and comes from the West Midlands; 60AL 267555, £8,800, Surrey; 23ML 767914, £20,000, Buckinghamshire; 98MP 310844, £19,991, Surrey; 71EN 132149, £1,100, Croydon; 19DT 351764, £20,000, Lancashire; 51RZ 571274, £20,000, Essex.

£50,000: 32FL 366196, £2,050, Merseyside; 95HF 746125, £2,000, Monmouthshire; 41KB 777013, £10,000, Kingston upon Thames; 94DZ 517664, £5,000, Devon; 27GS 847298, £20,000, Surrey; 84LL 514379, £19,000, Essex; 10FT 336793, £10,120, North Yorkshire; 76JL 902387, £20,000, Glasgow; 8FK 853033, £435, Warwickshire; 69JF 095690, £19,000, Warwickshire; 23VP 952446, £119, Lincolnshire; 36PT 400550, £6,454, Dorset; 74LS 311441, £20,000, Norfolk.

£25,000: 73AL 379972, £1,000, Staffordshire; 18LL 507257, £12,103, Essex; 33YF 642540, £1,000, South Yorkshire; 55FK 715099, £18,395, Southwark, south London; 65CL 041685, £18,605, Buckinghamshire; 43BK 661691, £20,000, Angus; 71HB 521692, £9,345, Vale of Glamorgan; 39KK 878840, £18,150, Cheshire; 77EP 287275, £2,400, Glasgow; 24GW 621359, £2,200, Lancashire; 92HZ 375997, £13,097, Kent; 57SF 654979, £20,000, Wiltshire; 72SF 598046, £7,724, Hampshire; 40QN 413747, £14,922, West Sussex; 56ML 541336, £20,000, Gloucestershire; 2DN 509955, £69, South Yorkshire; 56LF 554038, £20,000, Northumberland; 38PS 584626, £20,000, South Lanarkshire; 40JT 867927, £10,000, Swansea; 58CL 835886, £2,000, Somerset; 51EP 269617, £1,000, Gloucestershire; 32LK 946602, £20,000, West Yorkshire; 43HB 234753, £20,000, Worcestershire; 35TZ 026354, £1,193, Hertfordshire; 19VK 113094, £100, Staffordshire; 37FN 270282, £20,000, Ealing.

Meeting

Byron Society

Lord Byron, President of the Byron Society, presided at a meeting and supper held last night at the St Ermin's Hotel. Professor Charles Robinson of Delaware University, United States, was the speaker.

School news

Ampleforth College, York

Ampleforth College has announced the following scholarships for 1998:

Academic Scholarships

Vth Form Scholarship: Antonio Marzal, St John's Beaumont.

Major Scholarships: Jonathan Lovat, Ampleforth College Junior School; David Leigh, The Minster School; Toby Fitzherbert, Moor Park.

Minor Scholarships: Johnnie Stein, Ampleforth College Junior School; Paul Scully, Ampleforth College Junior School; Christopher Sparrow, Milbourne Lodge; Edward Graham, Bramcote; Francis Townsend, Ampleforth College Junior School; Cranley Macfarlane, Rokeby.

Music Scholarships

VIth Form Major Scholarship: Kwan-yu Lam, Ampleforth College.

VIth Form Honorary Scholarship: Inwook Kim, Ampleforth College.

Major Entrance Scholarship: Thomas Little, The Minster School.

Minor Entrance Scholarships: Rory Mulchrone, Ampleforth College Junior School; Charles Gair, The Minster School.

Ibstock Place School

The summer term concludes today. Yesterday at Speech Day the Guest Speaker was Mr Robin Oakley, Political Editor of the BBC. The Maurice Finnan Award for Services to the School was awarded to Henrietta Aitken and *Leal Ignatius, An Old Ibstonian* Reunion takes place on Saturday, September 26, 1998, at the school. Full details from Sarah Fisher, 0181 876 9991.

Westminster Cathedral Choir School

Term ends this evening following the annual Prize Giving and Concert at St John's Smith Square, in the presence of Cardinal Hume, the Archbishop of Westminster.

Music Awards have been gained by the following pupils:

Toby Bingley, Scholarship, Eton College; Joseph de Lacey, Exhibition, Westminster School; Edward Dickinson, Scholarship, Stonyhurst College; Simon Maharaj, Exhibition, Eton College; Radon Reynolds, Scholarship, Worth School; William Stevenson, Scholarship, Westminster School; Edmund Tuton, Scholarship, Ryde School, IoW; *Michael Usmar, Scholarship, St George's, Weybridge*; Dominic Walker, Scholarship, Downside School.

Chorister scholarships have been awarded to the following, who join the school in September:

Anselm Carr-Jones, The Park School, Bournemouth; Benedict Oakley, Turners Hill School, Crawley; and Hugo von Seffern, Eton House School, London.

Dinners

Company of Chartered Accountants

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress and the Sheriffs and their ladies, was a speaker at the annual ladies dinner of the Company of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales held last night at the Mansion House. Mr G. Kingsmill, Master, presided, assisted by Mr W.K. Gardner, Senior Warden, and Mr D.T. Young, Junior Warden. Brigadier David Stileman and the Senior Warden also spoke.

During the evening the Master presented the Lord Mayor with cheques in response to his appeal for NCH Action for Children and the British Diabetic Association and presented the Chartered Accountants Sword for the outstanding Officer of the Year of the Honourable Artillery *Company to Captain Simon Briggs*. Among others present were: The Master and Clerk of the Insurers' Company, the Master of the Society of Merchant Venturers of the City of Bristol, the President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and the Commanding Officer of the HAC and their ladies.

Anglo-Venezuelan Society

Dr Antonio Casas Gonzalez, President of the Central Bank of Venezuela, and Mrs Casas were the guests of honour at a reception and dinner held last night at the Savoy Hotel to mark Venezuela's Day of Independence, July 5. The Ambassador of Venezuela, president of the society, and Mr Jack Wigglesworth, chairman, and Mrs Wigglesworth welcomed the guests.

Gardeners' Company

Mr R.L. Payton, Master of the Gardeners' Company presented the Gardeners' Prize to Dr N.A.D. Carey, Director-General of the City and Guilds of London Institute, at the installation dinner held last night at Carpenters' Hall.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Robert Adam, architect, Kirkcaldy, 1728; *Leos Janacek*, composer, Hukvaldy, Czechoslovakia, 1854; W.H. Davies, poet and tramp, Newport, Monmouthshire, 1871; Franz Kafka, novelist, Prague, 1883.

DEATHS: James Crichton, the "*Admirable Crichton*", athlete, scholar, poet and linguist, Mantua, 1583; Joel Chandler Harris, author of *Uncle Remus*, Atlanta, Georgia, 1908; Brian Jones, rock guitarist, Sussex, 1969; Jim Morrison, singer and poet, Paris, 1971; Rudy Vallee, singer, Hollywood, 1986.

Quebec was founded and named by Samuel de Champlain, 1608.

London and North Eastern Railway's *Mallard* achieved a speed of 126 mph, a record for steam locomotives, 1938.

Food rationing in Britain ended, 1954.

Israeli commandos freed 103 hostages hijacked by Palestinian terrorists, at Entebbe, Uganda, 1976.

Company of Tylers and Bricklayers

Mr G.E. Newlyn Mason-Elliott, Master of the Company of Tylers and Bricklayers, presided at the E. & R. Fuller Prize award ceremony held at Carpenters' Hall. Mr Hugh Fuller presented the prize, awarded to encourage good craftmanship, to Mr Dean Jeffrey of Barking College. A smaller prize was also presented to Mr Nick Jackson of Richmond upon Thames College. The Head of the School of Construction Crafts, representatives of the Guild of Bricklayers and members of the Company were among those present.

Carmen's Company

The following have been elected officers of the Carmen's Company for the ensuing year:

Mr B.J. Hooper, Master; Mr J.M. Silbermann, Senior Warden; Mr J.A.T. Saywell, Junior Warden.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C. Belloc Lowndes and Miss P.J. Johnson

The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr Richard Belloc Lowndes, of Ledbury, Herefordshire, and Mrs Timothy Bathurst, of Cirencester, Gloucestershire, and Portia, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Sydney Johnson, of White Fish Bay, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA.

Mr R. Connell and Miss G. Murphy

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Sheila and Reg Connell, of Whitstable, Kent, and Glastra, daughter of Linda and Glen Murphy, of Epping Forest, Essex.

Mr R.A.J. Finston and Miss S.J.C. Caldow

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Frederick Finston, of St John's Wood, London, and Stroma, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Caldow, of Kirkella, Yorkshire.

Mr S.J. Marsh and Miss N.I.A. Wieynk

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs John Marsh, of Boughton-Monchelsea, Kent, and Nicole, daughter of Mr and Mrs Hans-Georg Wieynk, of Chiswick, London, formerly of Mombasa, Kenya.

Mr A.J. Notley and Miss L.J. de-la-Haye

The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Notley, of Farnborough, Hampshire, and Lysandre, only daughter of Mrs Heather de-la-Haye, of Ealing, London, and the late Mr Michael de-la-Haye.

Mr P.M. Inman and Miss G.M. Gobert

The engagement is announced between Paul, elder son of Mr Stephen and Dr Ione Inman, of Farnham, Surrey, and Gina, youngest daughter of Mr Gerald and Mrs Rosemary Gobert, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire.

Mr A.J. Ramsay and Miss E.A. Archer

The engagement is announced between Alexander, second son of Mr and Mrs Robert Ramsay, of Kinblethmont, Angus, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Archer, of Richmond, Yorkshire.

Mr A.C. Scott and Miss D.L. Brocklebank

The engagement is announced between Anthony, only son of the late Mr James Scott and of Mrs Peter Dimmock, of Windlesham Park, Surrey, and Diana, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Brocklebank, of Giffords Hall, Suffolk.

Mr M.A.G. Wade and Miss J.K. Fairclough

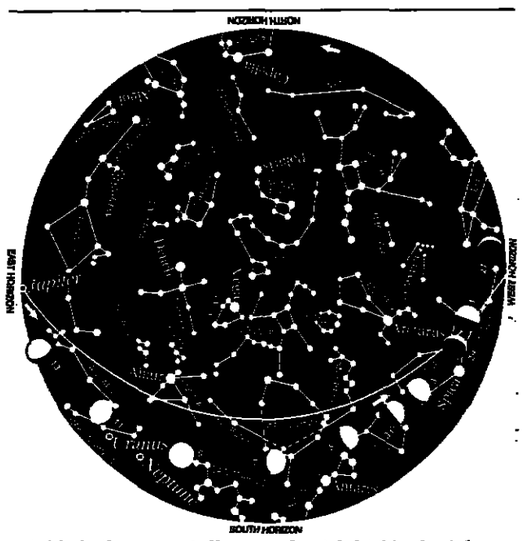
The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs David Wade, of Benenden, Kent, and Juliette, daughter of Dr and Mrs Andrew Fairclough, of Mulbarton, Norfolk.

Major R.E. Williams, RE, and Squadron Leader B.V.H. Walcot

The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mr and Mrs David Williams, of Walton-le-Wolds, Leicestershire, and Bea, youngest daughter of the late Mr Stephen Walcot and of Mrs Walcot, of Stogumber, Somerset.

Birthdays today

Miss Evelyn Anthony, author, 70; Sir Bernard Burrows, diplomat, 88; Mr Robert Crawford, director-general, Imperial War Museum, 53; Mr Tom Cruise, actor, 36; Sir William Deakin, former Warden, St Antony's College, Oxford, 85; the Hon Sir Eustace Gibbs, former Vice-Marshal, Diplomatic Corps, 69; Sir Richard Hadlee, former cricketer, 47; Lord Lester of Herne Hill, QC, 62; the Countess of Loudoun, 79; Mr Iain Macdonald-Smith, yachtsman, 53; the Very Rev Dr William McMillan, former Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, 71; *Professor Michael Oliver*, cardiologist, 73; Mr Ken Russell, film director, 71; Baroness Ryder of Warsaw, 75; Mrs Justice Heather Steel, 58; Sir Tom Stoppard, playwright, 61; Sir John Swan, former Premier of Bermuda, 63; *Sir John Waite, former Lord Justice of Appeal*, 66; Mr Ed Wallis, chairman, PowerGen, 59; Sir John Wills, Lord-Lieutenant of Somerset, 70.



This is the correct diagram for Night Sky in July. The one published on Wednesday was for 1999

Royal engagements

The Queen will visit the Thistle Foundation, Craigmillar, Edinburgh, at 10.30; and will visit the Edinburgh Breast Unit, Western General Hospital, at 11.45.

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit the Bootle Maritime City Challenge sites, Bootle, Merseyside, from 10.00.

The Prince of Wales will attend a service in Westminster Abbey, at noon, to mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of the NHS.

The Princess Royal will visit Sanquhar, Dumfriesshire at 9.55 on the 400th anniversary of the granting of its Royal Charter; will visit SmithKline-Beecham, Shewalton Road, Irvine, Ayrshire, at 11.40; and will name the new Atlantic 75 class lifeboat and open the new boathouse at Largs Lifeboat Station, Greenock Road, at 2.00.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, Adjutant General's Corps, will visit the Military Corrective Training Centre, Colchester, Essex, at 11.15.

The Duke of Kent, president, All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, will attend the Wimbledon Championships at 12.15.

Wolf Mankowitz

A memorial service for Wolf Mankowitz will be held at 2.30pm on Thursday, July 16, at the West London Synagogue, 34 Upper Berkeley Street, London W1.

Stowe Jubilee Ball

As part of the celebrations to mark the 75th anniversary of the foundation of Stowe School, Buckingham in 1923, the Stowe Jubilee Ball will be held at Stowe on Saturday, July 18. A few tickets are still available - details from the Stowe Jubilee Office, tel 01280 813164, ext 289.

Luncheon

London Chamber of Commerce

Lord Putnam was the speaker at a luncheon of the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry held yesterday at the Savoy Hotel.

Mr Colin Parsons, president of the chamber, was in the chair.

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BIRTHS

BOLLAND – On June 22nd in Northampton, to Wendy (née Freeman) and John, a son, William Henry, a brother for Oliver.

CLARKE – On June 23rd to Bridget (née Tennent) and James, a son, Arthur.

COLEHAN – On June 26th 1998 to Hannah (née Orsen) and Robert, a son, Tobias Endre Edward.

GOULDING – On June 27th to Lucy (née Guest-Gornall) and Henry, a baby girl, Emily Grace.

HAYES-NEWINGTON – On June 21st at the John Radcliffe Hospital to Kate (née Smee) and Mark, a son, William, a brother for Charles.

HENFREY – On 30th June, to Fiona (née Dewar) and Richard, a son, Jack Charles Dewar, a brother for Freya.

HOLLIDAY – On Monday 22nd June 1998 in Bath, to Charlotte (née Dacres-Dixon) and Patrick a son, Toby William George, a brother for Michael.

HULINA – On June 30th at The Portland Hospital to Amy and Ed, a son, Jake Ramond.

KOLLER – On June 30th at The Portland Hospital to Jennifer and Ross, a son, Ross Paul Jr.

LIVSEY – On Thursday June 25th 1998 at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, to Deborah (née Watts) and Alan, a son, Kit William Carlos, a brother for Hugo and Toby.

McGRATH – On June 25th at Chase Farm Hospital, to Susan (née Oliver) and Barry, a beautiful first child, Owen Barry.

MORTIMER – On 27th June at St. John and St. Elizabeth Hospital to Anna Blundy-Mortimer and Horatio Mortimer, a son, Lev Maximillian Blundy Mortimer.

NORRIS – On July 2nd 1998 to Margaret 'Magz' (née Sanders) and Damian, a beautiful daughter, Ophelia Claire.

NUGENT – On June 28th at The Portland Hospital, to Mary (née Worn) and Nicholas, a son, Michael a brother for Tara and Ciara.

PISKER – On June 16th to Andrew and Belinda, a son, Edward (Teddy) a brother for Charlie.

POTHALINGAM – To Kate (née Craven) and Ketish, a son, Thomas John Vignesh, born on 13th June 1998.

SIDDLE Mark and Eva (née Reh) of Domaine Bertagna, Vougeot, France are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Melissa Elisabeth Iris at 14.50 hours in the Clinique Sainte Marthe, Dijon, France on Tuesday 30th June 1998. A sister to Philipp and Nicola.

VARTAN – On June 25th 1998, to Carolyn (née Preston) and Andrew, a daughter, Georgina Molly Helen, a granddaughter for Mr and Mrs John Vartan, Peterborough and Mr and Mrs Tom Preston, Tunbridge, Kent.

MARRIAGES

FERRIDGE-KALIL – Mr. and Mrs. Ford Anthony Kalil Jr. of Bethseda, Maryland and Charleston, South Carolina announce with great pleasure the 1st May marriage of their daughter, Tracy Carolyn, to Mr. Hugh Ferridge of London, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Arthur Henry Ferridge of Kent, England. The ceremony and reception took place at Columbia County Club in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

DOMAN-FREEMAN – Dick and Joan on 3rd July 1938 at All Souls, Harlesden. Congratulations on your Diamond Wedding Anniversary, with lots of love from all your family and friends.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

BURTON-GRIGG – Angela and Ronald at St Peter's, Eaton Square, 3rd July 1948.

DEATHS

BARROWS – On July 1st, peacefully at her home in Gloucestershire, Rose Marie aged 90 years (formerly of the Channel Islands and Birmingham). Enquiries to Philip Ford & Son Funeral Directors (01453) 763592.

BATES – Florence Mary died peacefully on 30th June. Devoted wife, mother and Grandma, deeply loved by family, cherished and much respected friend. Funeral Barham Crematorium, Canterbury on 7th July at 1pm. Donations preferred to her favourite charities c/o E.B. Cavell, 25 Albert Rd, Deal.

BORSDORF – On June 27th after a short illness, Gladys aged 80, wife of the late Adolph. Cremation has taken place. Donations in her memory may be sent to Save the Children c/o James Crook Funeral Directors 53 Bridge Road, Wembley Park HA9 9AG. Tel: 0181 904 4193.

BROWN – Bettina, age 75, formerly of Marlow, Bucks, and San Pedro de Alcantara, Malaga, Spain, died at her home in New York City on July 1, 1998 after a nine month illness. She is survived by her husband of nearly 50 years, George H Brown, the film producer. The two met at Pinewood Studios during World War II when George Brown, later Squadron Leader Brown, was on leave from filming the fighting in the Middle East for the Royal Air Force Film Production Unit. Bettina Brown worked on Sir Laurence Olivier's productions of Hamlet and Henry V. After a career in which George Brown produced many feature films, including Agatha Christie's first two Miss Marples films with Margaret Rutherford, The Trap starring Oliver Reed and Guns of Bastasi starring Richard Attenborough, Mr and Mrs Brown retired to San Pedro. There Mrs Brown developed her gifts as a comic writer and magazine editor. She was for a time editor of Spanish Home magazine and then a frequent columnist and contributor to Look Out magazine. She was also a passionate and witty advocate of animal rights. Mr and Mrs Brown spent much time in New York to be with their only daughter, Tina, the editor of The New Yorker, and her two children. Their son, Christopher Brown who was also present at her bedside, is a film producer in Australia.

BRUCE-JONES – Harold Walter of Much Wenlock, Shropshire aged 77, suddenly at his home on June 26th. Devoted husband of Madge, father of Peter, Nicholas and Simon, father-in-law of Anna, grandfather of Anastasia and much loved and missed by all. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Much Wenlock on Thursday July 9th at 2.30pm. Family flowers only, donations to Princess Royal Hospital Chest Fund, Telford. Funeral Directors W.J. Northwood & Sons, 01952 727248 or 727813.

CARTLEDGE – Ruth Hylton, dearly loved mother of Fiona and Charles, on June 29th, 1998, at her home in Woodstock, Oxfordshire. Family flowers only please, but donations to the British Heart Foundation may be sent to Jerrams Bros., 108 Oxford Street, Woodstock, Oxon. OX20 1TX. All enquiries to 01993-811491.

COOPER – John David Marnham, peacefully on 2nd July 1998 at St. Columbas Hospice, Edinburgh, David widower of Anne and much loved by his biddie-in, Pat Caina, his children, Julian and Sarah, his grandchildren, Katie, James and Max and his brother Patrick and sisters Judy and Julia. Funeral at Warriston Crematorium, Cloister Chapel on Monday 6th July at 2.45pm to which all friends are invited. Family flowers only please, but donations, if desired, to St. Columbas Hospice.

de ZOETE – Rupert Edward peacefully in hospital on June 29th. Much loved husband of Anna, father and father-in-law of Tim and Moyra and grandfather to Alexandra. Funeral service to take place at the Parish Church of St John The Baptist, Cirencester on Wednesday 8th July at 3pm. Family flowers only, donations may be given in his memory for the Friends of the Parish Church and the Macmillan Cancer Relief fund c/o Cowley & Son Ltd., Triangle House, 62 Victoria Road, Cirencester, Glos. GL7 1ES telephone 01285 653298.

DICKINSON – The Rev. Willfrid, on 29th June 1998 at Leominster Nursing Home aged 77 years. Most beloved husband of Margaret. Dear father of Mary, Peter, James and Andrew. Funeral 2.00 pm Friday 10th July, 1998 at St Lawrence's Church, Bishopstone. Family flowers only donations for Bishopstone and Bridge Sollars Churches to R. W. Mann & Son, 51 West Street, Leominster Tel: 01568 612358 Thanksgiving Service and interment of Ashes on a later date at St. Mary's Church, Chigwell.

DOUGLAS –On 2nd July 1998 in Connecticut, USA Dr. William W Douglas F.R.S. Professor Emeritus Yale University. Husband of Jessine and father of Alan and Colin. Son of the late Dr. Thomas Hall Douglas C.B.E. and the late Mrs Catherine Douglas of Glasgow. Beloved brother of Katrina, Tommy and the late Iain.

EDMONDS – John Henry, Lt. Commander Royal Navy (Rtd.), suddenly in Vancouver whilst on holiday. Beloved husband of Vivien, loving father of David, Anthony and Simon and loved brother of Charlotte. Funeral Service on Wednesday July 8th at St. Thomas' Church, Lymington at 2.00 pm followed by burial at Sway. Donations, if desired, for either Oakhaven Hospice or the R.N.L.I. may be sent c/o F.W. House and Sons, Funeral Directors, Lymington, Hampshire.

ENGEL – Amalia Herta (Sr. Mary Andrew C.R.S.S.) who died peacefully on 1st July 1998 aged 80. R.I.P. Requiem Mass and burial at New Hall, Chelmsford on Wednesday 8th July at noon. No flowers please.

FELDWICK – Gwladys Isabel, formerly of Iwerne Minster, Blandford on July 1st 1998 aged 89. Wife of the late Alan Feldwick, mother of Ray and Di and grandmother of Suzanna, Rob and Steve. Funeral service to be held on Friday July 10th at Woking St Johns Crematorium at 3.30pm. Flowers or donations if desired, made payable to The British Diabetic Association c/o G Bontell & Son, 50 High Road, Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 7QL, Tel: 01932 345037.

FREEDMAN – Passed away peacefully in hospital 30th June 1998. Bertha, much loved partner of Maurice. Funeral will take place at Worthing Crematorium, Tuesday 7th July 2.40pm. Any enquiries 01903 725324.

GIFFARD – Peter, D.L. Died suddenly at home on 30th June. Very much loved husband of Roana, dear father to John and Mary, and grandfather to Charles and Freddie, Thomas, Edmund and Bartholomew. Funeral service for family and close friends at St. Mary and St. Chad, Brewood at 1.30 pm on Wednesday 8th July. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to: CLA Charitable Trust, 16 Belgrave Square, London SW1 for helping access to the countryside for the disabled. Service of Thanksgiving 2pm Friday 7th August at St. Mary and St Chad, Brewood.

HALLIDAY – (Arthur John) Denis M.C., M.A. (Cantab), Lt. Col. (Ret'd) R.E. of West Byfleet on July 1st 1998 aged 80. Dearly loved husband of Joan, much loved father of Penny, Peter and John and a proud grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral service to be held on Wednesday July 8th at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead at 1.30pm. No mourning to be worn and family flowers only please. Donations if desired, made payable to The Critical Care Challenge (SPES) c/o G. Bontell & Son, 50 High Road, Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 7QL. Tel: 01932 345037.

JENNINGS – At home in Painswick, Gloucestershire, on June 30th, 1998, in her 98th year, Muriel Mabel Jennings, (Headmistress of Pate's Grammar School, Cheltenham, 1934 to 1945, and of The Mary Erskine School for Girls, Edinburgh, 1945 to 1956). Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Painswick, on Wednesday July 8th, at 12 noon, to which all family and friends are welcome. Donations in lieu of flowers will be accepted by Murray Beith Murray, WS, 39 Castle Street, Edinburgh, EH2 3BH, for distribution to local charities in Painswick.

JOHNSON – Christopher Coventry on 30th June aged 76 years. Father of Paul, Lydia, Emily and Helen. Service to be held at All Saints Church, Marazion, Cornwall on Tuesday 7th July 1998 at 1.30pm.

MANTON – Pamela Eugenie, on 2nd July after a long illness courageously borne. Loving daughter of the late Mr and Mrs B.E. Manton of Bexley, Kent, and darling sister of Daphne, Margaret and the late Anne. Much loved by all. Service at Christchurch, Radlett, Herts. on Wednesday 8th July at 1.45pm. No flowers please, if desired donations to MS Research c/o Nethercotts, Aldenham Road, Radlett, Herts.

MARSH – Suddenly on June 30th, Keith aged 62 years. Adored husband of Judith, beloved father of Simon, Christopher, Jonathan and Lucy, and dear grandad of Amanda, Emily and Eleanor. Funeral at 12 noon on Tuesday 7th July at St. Peter's Church, Brackley. Any donations please, to The British Heart Foundation.

PENNINGTON – Peacefully on 1st July 1998. Paul much loved husband of Mary and loving father to Susan and Ann. Former schoolmaster of Dulwich College London, and late of Summerfold, Clapham Village, Worthing. Funeral Service at St. Mary's Church, Clapham on Thursday 9th July at 2.00 pm followed by committal at Worthing Crematorium. Donations if desired to Clapham Church, c/o H.D. Tribe Ltd, 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing, West Sussex. Telephone 01903-234516.

RANDOLPH – On June 30th peacefully in Horsham, Margaret, widow of the Venerable Tom Randolph, devoted and much loved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and sister. Private cremation followed by Thanksgiving Service at Horsham Parish Church on Friday July 10th at 2pm. No flowers please, but donations in lieu to The Mother's Union c/o Freeman Brothers, 9 North Parade, Horsham, RH12 2BP.

SACHS – Emma Sophie died peacefully in Oxford on 1st July 1998. Dear mother of Peter, Ursula and Ruth and Granny to many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral Thursday 9th July, 3pm at St. Andrew's Church, Linton Road, Oxford. Flowers to the church.

SCARFE – David, peacefully on 30th June 1998. Much loved husband of Audrey, father of Annabel and Jonathan, grandfather of William and Justin. Funeral Service at Christ Church, Emsey Down, Lyndhurst on Wednesday, 8th July at 2.00 pm followed by Cremation. Family flowers only, donations in his memory may be made for Wessex Cancer Trust, c/o Diamond & Son Funeral Directors, Lymington. SO41 9DN.

SHEPHERD – Colin Stuart Shepherd OBE, suddenly on June 30th aged 70 years. Dearly beloved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral Service at The Church of St. Edward the Confessor, Dringhouses, York on Tuesday July 7th at 2.30pm, followed by interment at York Cemetery. Family flowers only.

SMITH – Lord Smith of Marlow (Rodney Smith) on July 1st 1998 aged 84. Much loved husband of Sue, dear father of Martin, Andrew, Elinor and Robert. Grandfather of Edward, Vikki, Sarah, Jenny, Louise and James. Father-in-law of Jill and Helen, brother to Audrey and Jill. For the most tender care he received at King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, London from all his nurses including Madeleine, Clare, Tracey, Claire, Sean, SallyAnne, Gill and Ute, his wife and family are deeply grateful. Funeral Service All Saints Church Marlow Monday July 13th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The Stroke Association c/o Sawyer Funeral Service 32 West Street, Marlow.

SMITH – Bernard 'A.B.' Smith C.B.E. Former Chairman of the Rover Company and Land Rover Limited. Died peacefully at the Priory Hospital, Birmingham, on June 27th. Greatly missed by all his family, friends and former colleagues. Funeral at St. Philip's Church, Dorridge at 2.00 pm on Friday July 3rd. Donations for Cancer Research or British Heart Foundation to Thomas Bragg & Sons, 562 Stratford Road, Shirley, Solihull B90 4AY.

STUART TAYLOR – Lesley Evelyn, peacefully at Amberley Nursing Home, Cheltenham, on 1st July. Beloved daughter of the late Sir Eric and Lady Stuart Taylor, devoted sister of the late Richard, sister-in-law of Iris, aunt of Nicholas and Caroline and great-aunt of Virginia and Olivia. She will be much missed by her family and her many friends. Funeral Service at Christ Church on Thursday 9th July at 11.30 am. Flowers or donations if desired to the British Heart Foundation, may be sent c/o Selim Smith & Co., 74 Prestbury Road, Cheltenham, GL52 2DJ.

TILSTON – Rona Isabel, on 13th June 1998 in Devon aged 81 years. Much loved and greatly missed by her family and friends. Funeral Service on Monday 6th July at Exeter Crematorium at 2.30pm. No flowers please, but donations if so desired to Alzheimers Disease Society c/o Gill & Eales, 36A Jordan Street, Buckfastleigh TQ11 0AU. Tel: 01364 642361.

WALTON – Keith of Waltons Hotel, Nottingham, suddenly on 2nd July 1998. Will be very sadly missed by all who knew and loved him. The funeral will take place on Wednesday 8th July at St. Mary's Church, The Lace Market, Nottingham at 2pm followed by private interment. Flowers may be sent to A.W. Lynn, Robin Hood House, Nottingham.

WALTON – Violet Nina ("Lala"). On 27th June, suddenly at The London Clinic. Eldest daughter of Tom and Tamara Walton. Much loved by all. Funeral Service on Thursday 9th July at 2.00pm Putney Vale Crematorium. All enquiries and flowers c/o J. H. Kenyon Tel: 0171-937-0757.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

ADAMS – A service of thanksgiving for the life of Professor 'Ged' Adams will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Rickmansworth Road, Northwood, Middlesex at 2.00pm on Monday 20th July. Telephone 01923 828611 or 01235 536710 for further details.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

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OBITUARIES

COLONEL ANDREW CROFT

Colonel Andrew Croft, DSO, OBE, Arctic explorer and wartime commando, died on June 26 aged 91. He was born on November 30, 1906.

The title of Andrew Croft's autobiography, *A Talent for Adventure*, published in 1991, was something of an understatement of his remarkable life. In the 1930s he was a pioneering Arctic explorer who was able to put his experience to good use in hazardous Special Operations Executive work in Scandinavia during the Second World War. Next, he was sent to the Mediterranean where he conducted commando operations against the coasts of Axis-held France and Italy.

After the war his knowledge of cold weather fighting was a great asset in devising tactics to combat the Soviet threat on Nato's northern flank. Then, in the bitter winters experienced during the Korean War, the tests he had conducted on cold weather kit in Canada proved invaluable to Commonwealth troops. After leaving the Army he commanded the Metropolitan Police Cadet Corps.

It was the first Headmaster of Stowe, J. F. Roxburgh, who spotted Croft's potential when he chose him and two other Lancing College boys to go with him as seniors to help to found the new school in 1923. To his acknowledged qualities of leadership Croft added a sense of responsibility and — what was not so usual in schools then — an understanding of those boys who were insecure or downright vulnerable. These qualities he derived in part from his home background: his father was vicar of Kelvedon and later rural dean of Chelmsford.

From Stowe he went to Christ Church, Oxford, and from there to Germany to learn the language. He happened to be in Berlin early on the morning of February 28, 1933, and witnessed the Reichstag fire. Although, as he later recalled, the building was surrounded by Nazi Brownshirts "I remember noting that there was no fire brigade — no one was trying to put the fire out".

He then had a brief spell teaching at a Sussex prep school, but in the autumn of 1933 he was invited to join Martin Lindsay's three-man expedition to cross Greenland. A venture at first regarded with scepticism by the pundits, it was an outstanding success, and led to the longest self-supporting dog sledge journey ever made. In it, Croft's skill with the huskies was a major element, and he did most of the driving.

Croft spent the year 1934-35 in India as ADC to the young Maharajah of Cooch Behar, but was back in the far North in the following year, this time with an Oxford University expedition organised by Sandy (now Sir Alexander) Glen to Nordauslandet, the northernmost of the islands of Svalbard, 600 miles from the North Pole. He next had three years at Cambridge, working with Louis Clarke, the director of the Fitzwilliam Museum, and spent a winter on secondment to an expedition to Swedish Lapland where he researched into reindeer.

When war broke out in 1939 his knowledge of Arctic conditions was put to good use as a British Army liaison officer trying to organise aid via Norway to the Finnish Army in its desperate defence against the invading Soviet Union in the Winter War of 1939-40. When the Germans invaded Norway in April 1940 he eluded their clutches in Bergen and made his way over trackless mountain country to join Allied forces at Aalesund. He was evacuated to England only to be returned to Norway late in April 1940. But by that time the campaign was going badly, and all British and French forces were evacuated by early June.

In 1941 Croft was sent to Stockholm as assistant military attaché — in reality an SOE intelligence-gathering job. In neutral Sweden he rubbed shoulders with many of the German military. One of his favourite stories was how on one occasion he and the German attaché were sharing a sauna. As the temperature and humidity mounted it became a matter of pride not to be the first to quit. Eventually the German was forced to give up and as he burst from the cubicle the Swedes outside broke into a cheer. Emerging second, Croft was puzzled at this applause from the Swedes until one of their number told him that they had had a bet between them that the first of the two men to be forced to leave the sauna would be regarded as the representative of the nation that was going to lose the war.



Croft: his skill at driving huskies was an important element in the success of the trans-Greenland expedition of 1933

From Sweden Croft went in March 1942 to the Shetland Islands, from where, with Glen in a Catalina flown by a pilot of Coastal Command, he conducted an aerial survey of the limits of sea edge ice in the Arctic Ocean. The information gained from a series of long and hazardous flights over trackless wastes and hostile seas was vital for the routing of convoys to the Russian ports.

In 1943 Croft was sent to the Mediterranean where he launched a number of commando raids on the coasts of Italy and the South of France from bases first in North Africa and then in Corsica. Later, after the surrender of Italy, he conducted SOE operations in support of the landings on the French Riviera. These buccaneering small missions, executed without interference from the top brass, were absolutely his forte, and he was awarded the DSO.

After the war Croft was recognised internationally as a leading authority on special operations as a whole and on Arctic warfare in particular. As the Cold War developed this became of increasing significance and his War Office duties embraced attachments with the Canadian Forces for Operation Musk Ox in 1945-46, an operation conducted in Canada's hostile northern wastes, to test equipment and vehicles in conditions of low temperature. This was invaluable when the Korean War suddenly burst on the war-weary Western Allies in 1950, and United Nations troops found themselves battling with icy winter conditions.

In the 1950s Croft commanded successively the Junior Leaders at Plymouth and the Army Apprentices School at Harrogate. Both these appointments were highly congenial to a man who had many years before at Stowe demonstrated his ability to inspire the young.

Retiring from the Army in 1960, Croft became Commandant of the newly-formed Metropolitan Police Cadet Corps, a command he held for ten years until his final retirement in 1971 to a beautiful house at Strand on the Green, on the Thames near Kew Bridge, where he and his wife gave a warm welcome to visitors. He had been appointed OBE for his work with young soldiers in 1970.

Croft's wife Rosalind died two years ago. He is survived by three daughters.

HENRY G. SAPERSTEIN

Henry G. Saperstein, Hollywood producer, died on June 24 in Los Angeles aged 80. He was born in Chicago on June 2, 1918.

FROM Elvis to Godzilla, from Mr Magoo to Woody Allen, the producer Henry Saperstein left his imprint on the careers of personalities both animated and living. Producing, as is so often said, is a task that requires the skills of a diplomat and the instincts of a Wall Street banker, and Saperstein consistently displayed both.

Over a forty-year period in Hollywood, he worked as an agent, producer and merchandiser, putting both the myopic Mr Magoo and the comic genius of Woody Allen on the entertainment map. Such was his talent at marketing the cartoon characters owned by his company, UPA, that at the height of Magoo's popularity Saperstein had negotiated advertising deals for the bumbling two-dimensional figure with Timex, the US Treasury, the US Navy and the American Cancer Society.

Henry Saperstein was born in Chicago and educated at the University of Chicago. After graduation he began flexing his entrepreneurial muscles through the ownership and management of a group of theatres in his hometown. In the mid-1950s he moved to Hollywood to become president of the company Television Personalities. Among other things, he worked with Colonel Tom Parker as Elvis Presley's licensing agent and also handled merchandising for Wyatt Earp, the Lone Ranger, Lassie and Roy Rogers.

Saperstein became a major Hollywood figure in 1960 after his purchase of UPA Pictures. Before he arrived it had been known for producing theatrical "shorts", but Saperstein transformed the company into a creator of animated and realistic television series.

Under his direction the company produced the cartoons *Mr Magoo*, *Gerald McGoing Boing* and *Dick Tracy*.

Under the UPA banner he also built an association with Japan's Toho Films, which resulted in his becoming executive producer for Woody Allen's first film, *What's Up Tiger Lily*. The arrangement with Toho also granted Saperstein the licence to the sea creature Godzilla. He served as distributor of the Japanese films *Godzilla*, *War of the Gargantuas* and *Godzilla versus Monster Zero*, and served as a consultant to this year's American production.

His producing credits were diverse, ranging from the 1963 Warner Brothers animated feature *Gay Purr-ee* to the Timothy Leary documentary *Turn On, Tune In, Drop Out*.

But arguably Saperstein's toughest and most exotic producing assignment took place not in tree-lined Beverly Hills, but across the Equator in the South Pacific Palau Islands. In 1969 Saperstein travelled there to produce John Boorman's film *Hell in the Pacific* (1969).

For this story of an American Marine played by Lee Marvin and Japanese naval officer portrayed by Toshiro Mifune, who are the sole survivors of a ship disaster, Saperstein recalled that the shoot became a crash course in foreign policy and diplomacy. With no accommodation on the island, the English, American and Japanese crew lived on board a Japanese cruise ship, prompting Saperstein to remark that he finally understood Kipling's declaration that "East is East and West is West".

He also revealed that the film set played host to a comical clash of American production habits and island values. The island chief demanded his subjects employed on the set be paid at the end of every day, a demand with which Saperstein was forced to comply. The islanders, however, worked on Monday and Tuesday, but failed to appear on Wednesday, having made enough money for the week. Saperstein then delicately called on their chief to renegotiate the deal, whereby the locals would be paid only after five days of work. It was the chief's turn to comply.

Saperstein ran his production company until the end of his life, and never shied away from entering public debate if one of his properties was involved. When the American Federation for the Blind argued that the Saperstein-produced Disney live action film of Mr Magoo was demeaning to the blind, he went on the offensive. "Magoo, despite his nearsightedness, is courageous, heroic and dignified and always shows that you can win even if you have a handicap," he wrote in *The Washington Post*.

Saperstein is survived by his wife Irene, three daughters and one son.



Myopic Mr Magoo stubs a cigar: Saperstein denied claims that his creation demeaned the blind

LORD RIVERDALE



Riverdale with the Sheffield Simplex car he drove from Land's End to John o' Groat's

Lord Riverdale, industrialist, died on June 26 aged 96. He was born on September 1, 1901.

THE 2nd Lord Riverdale was a leading figure in Sheffield's steel industry in the days when the city's rolling mills were still world-famous. He ran his family company Arthur Balfour, which specialised in making steel for high-speed tools, and after a 1961 merger chaired the new grouping Balfour Darwins for eight years.

He was prominent in public life, as president of Sheffield Chamber of Commerce and as Master Cutler in the city, and chaired a number of national industrial organisations. He even acted as the local Belgian consul for half-a-century. Yet, despite being a gifted innovative engineer, Lord Riverdale had had little formal training and acquired most of his knowledge on the shopfloor.

Born Robert Arthur Balfour — but always called Robin — he was the son of Arthur Balfour, the 1st Lord Riverdale and founder of the family firm. Despite being orphaned at an early age, Arthur Balfour had acquired a local steel company as a young man and turned it into a flourishing concern, with burgeoning exports and its own plant in Australia. He was ennobled in 1935 after being first made a baronet six years earlier.

Robin Balfour was sent to Oundle where he played rugby for the school, but left at the age of 17 to work with his father. He joined the board six years later. They made a near-perfect team. Balfour senior was a natural businessman who was happiest drumming up orders overseas and in this country, while Robin took care of the technology at home.

He joined the RNVR and fought with the Fleet in the Second World War. At one stage he was in the aircraft carrier *Ark Royal* when she took part in the operation at Dakar, West Africa, to sink a number of warships belonging to Vichy France.

Balfour carved out a niche in *Ark Royal* as a "Mr Fixit" with a knack for accomplishing almost anything that was asked of him. Nonetheless, it was eventually decided that as a lieutenant-commander in his forties he was growing too long in the tooth for frontline action. He was therefore posted ashore, where he saw out the rest of the war working for the Fleet Air Arm in Northern Command.

Returning to the family firm, he took over as managing director in 1949, succeeding to the chairmanship and both the baronetcy and the barony on his father's death eight years later. He was then chairman of Balfour Darwins, 1961-69, and then president until 1975, when he retired.

His many appointments and directorships included a number outside his own industry. Seats on the board of Yorkshire Television, the National Provincial Bank — and later the Eastern Regional board of the National Westminster — were among them. He was made a deputy lieutenant for the West Riding, and subsequently for South Yorkshire, in 1959.

But Riverdale was almost as conspicuous for his spare-time interests. An amateur sailor for most of his life, he designed his own large yachts, building the first one himself and sailing the second one to New Zealand, where he sold her. A member of the Royal Institution of Naval Architects, he perfected a twin-keel design which he fought hard — with eventual success — to get accepted. He was consequently known by the yachting fraternity as "Twin Keel Balfour". A number of young sailing companions also knew him as "Skips".

A no less keen advocate for vintage cars and motorcycles, he discovered a Sheffield Simplex car while in Australia, brought it back, restored it lovingly and took it everywhere. He once drove his Simplex — a rival to the Rolls-Royce early this century — from Land's End to John o'Groat's in its one and only main gear. He also stalked deer in Scotland, and was a skilled fly fisherman and an even better shot on the grouse moors. When large icicles threatened his guttering in the cold winter of 1947, he shot them off with a .22 rifle. He even wrote two books while in his 90s, explaining that he had never found time before. *Squeeze the Trigger Gently* (1990, about deer-stalking) was followed by *A Life, a Sail, a Changing Sea* (1996), while his autobiography is due to appear later this year.

A tall, powerfully-built man who celebrated his lost Scottish ancestry by sometimes wearing a kilt, he also amused himself in old age by composing limericks. He had a huge sense of humour, maintained a large store of old jokes and regarded with healthy scepticism all politicians and most clergymen. But he liked to watch the Sunday morning service on television.

Lord Riverdale suffered his share of sadness. His first wife Nancy, whom he married in 1926, died two years later from septicaemia, while their son (and his heir) Mark Balfour died three years ago from a sudden heart attack while out shooting. Lord Riverdale married his second wife, Christian, in 1933 after meeting her at a dance — at which he had been a reluctant escort for his sister. She died in 1991 and he is survived by their son and daughter. The barony and the baronetcy now pass to his grandson.

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NEW THEATRE

"NOAH"

Translated by Arthur Wilmurt from the French of André Obey

To those who saw *Nöe* when it was performed in French by the Compagnie des Quinze it is not necessary to say that M. Obey's play stands apart from the hackwork of the stage or that in choice of subject, in wisdom of treatment, and in the high entertainment that springs from these things, it has no contemporary equivalent in the London theatre. But it is as well, in a world of cheap superlatives, to say clearly that, though *Noah* is not *Nöe*, the power of an artist comes through the translation. In what respects this performance, though under the direction of M. Michel Saint-Denis himself, falls short of the original may be discussed at leisure: but critical discussion must not be allowed to obscure the fact that here is a piece for the theatre which has much of the quality of the great legends. It is not afraid of its audience. It does not angle for mean applause. It approaches a great subject with directness and a rare, blessed humility. In brief, it is still, and in spite of its defects not clap-trap but a work of art.

It tells very simply how Noah built the ark under the direct orders of God: how the animals came on board and Noah's family and the girls from the neighbouring farm followed them: how Ham, the impatient wizard, the new-dealer, for ever knew better than his father and was urgent to set up mast and sails and rudder of his own design: and how Noah, who had been forbidden a rudder, found in the animals a contemplative singleness of heart of which proud man was incapable. So to Arafau, and man's fierce struggle for the division of the material world, and Noah's solitude in God's presence. What distinguishes M. Obey's treatment of his theme is, first of all, that it is not pert. It is neither a "private life" of Noah nor an attempt by a pigmy to climb on a giant's shoulders and advertise his own cleverness. Its second distinction, in the original, was its extraordinary power to allow humour to appear, not in patches on the play's surface, but as an emanation of its nature. Its gaiety was natural, inward, unselfconscious — like the gaiety of a puppy, or a flower, or a saint. This quality the translation has lost; the humour, though still delightful, has an air of inviting you to laugh at it: and this for a very interesting reason — that Mr. Wilmurt, in writing the inspired, prophetic passages, by the simple splendour of which M. Obey induced his contrasted humourous effect, has, seemingly, been afraid of rhetoric, has written them *down* in the false-modest way in which actors sometimes speak verse as prose. The play is, in essence, a poem, and Mr. Wilmurt has not always found the language in which to interpret its poetry. The effect is remarkable. Everything except the poetry is there — an abundant vigour in the young men and the young women, a sterling tenderness in Miss Marjorie Fielding's study of Noah's wife, a keen definition of Ham's rebellious spirit by Mr. Colin Keith-Johnston, and a magnificent portrait of Noah by Mr. Gielgud.

ON THIS DAY

July 3, 1935

Arthur Wilmurt's translation of André Obey's play about Noah may not have achieved quite the effect of the original Nöe, but it saw a fine performance by John Gielgud as Noah abetted by some attractive "animals" such as Jessica Tandy, Marius Goring, Harry Andrews and Alec Guinness.

THE TIMES TODAY

FRIDAY JULY 3 1998

NEWS

Blair flies in as Ulster churches burn

■ Tony Blair flew into Northern Ireland last night on a high-risk mission to avert a looming conflagration that could yet destroy the Province's fragile peace.

On the day that loyalist extremists burned ten Roman Catholic churches, and with just two days left before the explosive Drumcree parade, the Prime Minister stood at a gutted church and begged Protestants and Catholics to listen to the "voice of reason" Pages 1, 4

Billie-Jo foster father jailed for life

■ The foster father of Billie-Jo Jenkins was jailed for life for her murder after a judge told him he was "an extreme danger" to the community. The jury at Lewes Crown Court took ten hours and 40 minutes to find the deputy headmaster guilty of killing the 13-year-old Pages 1, 3

Carter-Ruck v himself

The libel lawyer Peter Carter-Ruck is embroiled in a retirement dispute with his eponymous law firm and has asked Clifford Chance, the UK's biggest law firm, to act for him Page 1

Parents worse off

Nearly a third of divorced and separated parents with care of a child will be worse off under proposals to reform the Child Support Agency and simplify maintenance awards Page 11

Royals press grant

The Royal Household is to receive a direct grant of almost £500,000 a year to handle its media relations, taking over from the Central Office of Information. Page 1

NHS promises

Tony Blair promised to increase NHS spending above inflation for at least eight years, but emphasised that the money would be linked to moves to lift standards and end delays Page 12

Lords clash looms

The Government was plunged into a high-risk constitutional confrontation with the House of Lords after peers announced they would defy ministers a third time over student tuition fees Page 4

Mandela riposte

President Mandela shocked his South African Communist Party allies by flatly rejecting calls for change and virtually accusing them of treachery to the African National Congress Page 14

Diana crash query

Trevor Rees-Jones, who survived the crash which killed Diana, Princess of Wales, has asked investigators to question the Paris Ritz about the chauffeur Henri Paul's behaviour Page 5

Pasteur 'a plagiarist'

Louis Pasteur, the great French scientist and founder of microbiology, may have stolen the idea for his anthrax vaccine from a lesser-known rival Page 16

Ecstasy tragedy

A boy of 14 who found a stash of Ecstasy tablets and shared them with friends "like sweets" escaped a custodial sentence after admitting culpable homicide Page 7

Streisand cover-up

Barbra Streisand and James Brolin went to extraordinary lengths to keep their wedding in Malibu secret by scaring off journalists Page 17

Jones escapes jail

The Queens Park Rangers assistant manager Vinnie Jones was ordered to carry out 100 hours' community service for an attack on his neighbour Page 9

The real Roosevelt

President Franklin Roosevelt, who hid his disability from the outside world, is to be depicted sitting in a wheelchair at the memorial to him Page 19

A googly puts cricket code to Test

■ Eighteen stag-party revellers in floppy hats, a teenager in a St George wig and a man with a parrot on his head evaded the clampdown on provocative dress at the start of the Third Test match at Old Trafford. They walked past guards perhaps lulled into a false sense of security by the absence of carrot man, pantomime horse or Mr Blobby Page 6



DAVID MOIR

Geologically famous cliffs at Siccar Point in East Lothian are coated with latex to make a mould for New York's Natural History Museum

BUSINESS

Sceptics: Eurosceptic British business leaders will today step up their campaign against the single currency with 100 putting their names to a report arguing that the euro is "bad for business" Page 27

Prudential: The insurer has more than doubled the provision it needs to make for the mis-selling of pensions from £450 million to £1.1 billion Page 27

Harvey Goldsmith: The rock concert promoter is taking over Tring International, the home entertainment company Page 27

Markets: The FTSE 100 index rose 40.3 points to close at 5960.2. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 107.1 to 107.3 after a fall from $1.6593 to $1.6580 but a rise from DM3.0171 to DM3.0204 Page 30

SPORT

Wimbledon: Jana Novotna defeated the No 1 seed, Martina Hingis, in the women's singles semi-final and will meet Natalie Tauziat, who beat Natasha Zvereva, in the final tomorrow Page 52

Third Test: England toiled on the opening day at Old Trafford as South Africa reached 237 for one. Jacques Kallis (117 not out) and Gary Kirsten (98 not out) shared a partnership of 212 Page 49

World Cup: Zinedine Zidane, the French playmaker, returns to the Stade de France for the quarter-final against Italy after his two-match suspension Page 46

Irish golf: Colin Montgomerie challenged for a third consecutive Irish Open championship with a six-under-par 65 Page 47

ARTS

Richard Morrison: "Richard Eyre's decent, liberal, Islingtonian persona stops him from carrying his investigations into London's opera and ballet scene to their logical conclusions" Page 35

Home secured: The Old Vic, where Gielgud, Ashcroft, Olivier and Burton gave towering performances, has been saved as a theatre, thanks to the Canadian impresario David Mirvish Page 35

Second coming: Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Whistle Down The Wind* receives a punchy new staging that deserves its place in the West End Page 36

Pop albums: The Beastie Boys' latest release shows they have lost their spark; another unexceptional work from Prince Page 37

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Elementary arias: Primary schoolchildren in Ealing, West London, are discovering opera — and liking what they hear Page 43

MEDIA

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Writing wrongs: Lucy Gannon found in neglect and beatings the inspiration for the television scripts that made her name Page 39

THE PAPERS

Today's opening of the new Hong Kong International Airport attests to Hong Kong's spirit of surmounting difficulties; more than anything else this project embodied all that was difficult and painful in the transition from British colony to Special Administrative Region under Chinese sovereignty.

Hong Kong Standard

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Preview: The chat show gets a comedian's spin. *So Graham Norton* (Channel 4, 10.30pm).
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In place of state

Fifty years on, in place of the fear of change which has bedevilled debate about the NHS, Tony Blair should have the courage to learn the right lessons from our European partners Page 23

Metternich's orphans

Vienna is again the crossroads it was in the heyday of the Habsburg Empire. But politically, Austria shrinks from its natural bridging role Page 23

Sporting colours

A carrot or two should be welcome at a cricket match, as long they do not crop up when the bowler is bowling. What sport does not need is a row of cabbages Page 23

COLUMNS

MATTHEW PARRIS
With Ian Paisley telling, a scattering of Tories walked through the "aye" lobby in support of an amendment which would have derailed Northern Ireland's Good Friday agreement. Defeated, the Principal Opposition joined Mr Paisley in force ... the occasion was a stain on the name of the Conservative Party Page 22

DANIEL JOHNSON
It has been a good week for the commentary. I refer not to the legions of commentators on the World Cup, Wimbledon or the Test Match, but to John Fuller's *W.H. Auden: A Commentary* Page 22

PHILIP HOWARD
Now the word hath gone forth among the Canaanites and the Children of Israel that Jericho, the city of the West Bank not the suburb of Oxford, shall be converted into the mightiest gambling complex in the Middle East Page 22

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Colonel Andrew Croft, explorer; **Henry G. Saperstein**, Hollywood producer; **Lord Riverdale**, industrialist Page 25

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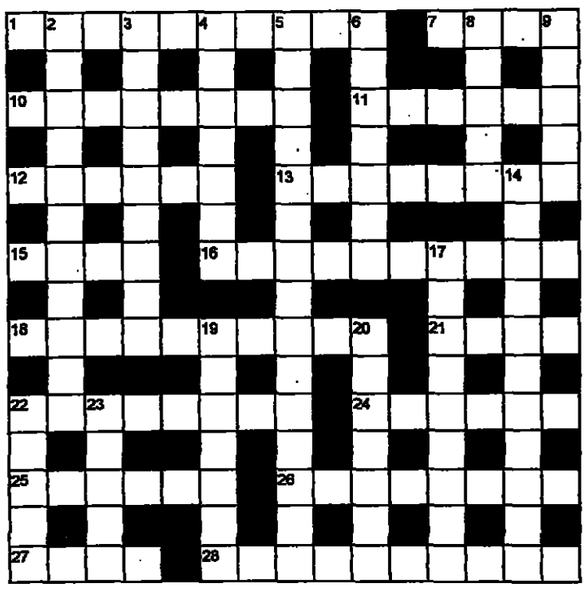
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■ MEET THE THREE TENORS
Preparing for the biggest classical concert of all time

■ ANNE ROBINSON
I don't want Diana's garden in *my* backyard

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ACROSS

1 Seem almost gloomy, but open to being placated (10).
7 Request to be on time for work (4).
10 Bonnie's youthful state (8).
11 Get into trouble taking a glass of wine (6).
12 Wealthy man following Henry — he died to mix socially (6).
13 Something offensive in use can get thrown out (8).
15 Asian connection, so to speak (4).
16 Shoot big game in backward eastern state — it's cooked with wine (10).
18 An extra good queen filled with new majesty (10).
21 Fish with John in boat (4).
22 Delivery that may get round a striker (3,5).
24 Hold attention of tenant (6).
25 One drink put in another, regardless of expense (4-2).
26 Every bit of work, I note, is causing bad reaction (8).
27 Off-putting affliction (4).
28 Work stoppage disrupts entire term (10).

DOWN

2 Cooler shade it provided for Wordsworth's youth (6-5).
3 Wild flower, say, with name in Latin and English (9).
4 Partly reveals how Bizet is used in entertainment industry (7).
5 Overnight stay in base with crack fleet (3,3,9).
6 Executed attractive print (7).
8 Strange story in a northern setting (5).
9 New approach, leading with King or Jack (5).
14 Device the church eliminated from birth control (11).
17 Popular form of art leading to strange rowdiness (9).
19 Almost lose blood, wave as means of alerting doctor (7).
20 It interrupts flow of air, producing sore lip, possibly (7).
22 Healthy litter unsettled, initially, by their accommodation? (5).
23 Seize key file (5).

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Full moon July 9
London 9.20 pm to 4.50 am
Bristol 9.30 pm to 5.00 am
Edinburgh 10.00 pm to 4.34 am
Manchester 9.40 pm to 4.47 am
Penzance 9.35 pm to 5.18 am

FORECAST

☐ **General:** most parts will be dry and warm with good spells of sunshine. Southwest England and South Wales will see the most sun. Northern England, North Wales and Northern Ireland will be more cloudy, with the risk of a shower in eastern England. Northern Scotland will be mainly cloudy with some light rain.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Midlands:** sunny spells developing but it will turn hazy in afternoon. Moderate N wind. Max 19-22C (68-72F).

☐ **Cent S England, Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales:** dry and pleasantly warm with plenty of sun. Moderate N wind. Max 19-21C (66-70F).

☐ **E England, Central N England, NE England, Borders:** some early cloud and drizzle, particularly on coast, becoming drier with sunny spells. Light to moderate N to NW wind. Max 18-21C (64-70F).

☐ **N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, N Ireland:** cloudy start but sunny spells later in most parts. Light to moderate N to NW wind. Max 18-18C (61-64F).

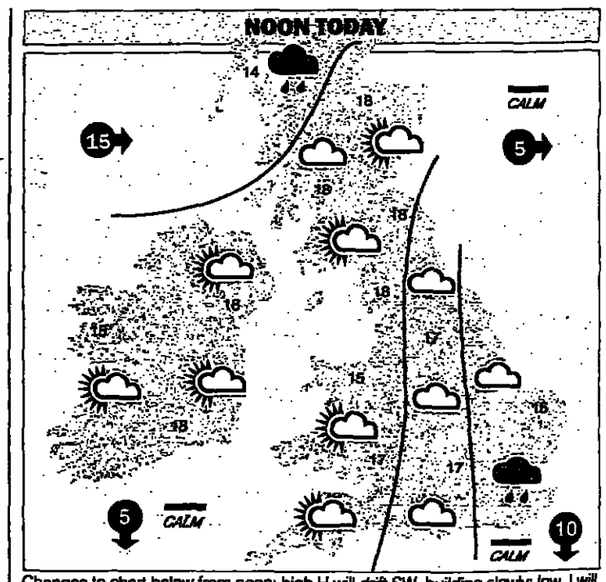
☐ **Edinburgh & Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow:** mainly dry with sunny spells. Moderate NW wind. Max 19-21C (66-70F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Cent Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** mostly cloudy with some rain and drizzle. Moderate to fresh NW wind. Max 15-18C (59-64F).

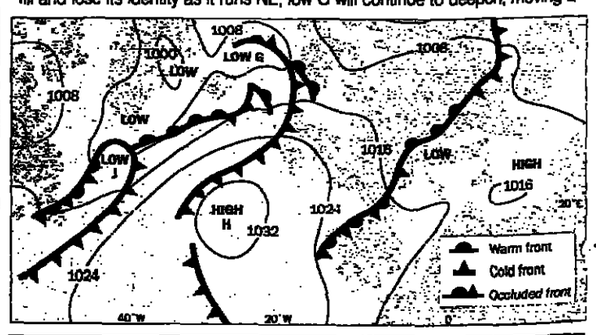
☐ **Outlook:** Scotland will be cloudy tomorrow with showers. Elsewhere mainly dry and sunny through weekend.

☐ **Pollen forecast:** low in northern Scotland; moderate to high in southern Scotland; elsewhere high.

NOON TODAY



Changes to chart below from noon: high H will drift SW, building slowly; low J will fill and lose its identity as it runs NE; low G will continue to deepen, moving E



AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	-	0.01	13	55	d	Leuchars	4.9	-	14	57	b
Anglesey	8.8	-	17	63	b	Littlehmptn	2.0	-	17	63	b
Aviemore	1.6	0.02	16	61	c	London	2.9	-	17	63	c
Belfast	4.8	-	16	61	s	Lowestoft	X				
Birmingham	1.2	-	15	59	c	Manchester	4.0	0.01	18	64	s
Bournem'th	4.9	-	19	66	b	Margate	4.4	-	18	64	c
Bristol	1.8	-	17	63	c	Minehead	X				
Buxton	2.5	-	16	61	c	Morecambe	7.5	-	19	66	s
Cardiff	X	-	18	64	c	Newcastle	0.9	0.02	14	57	b
Clacton	5.3	-	15	59	c	Newquay	4.2	-	19	66	b
Colwyn Bay	8.5	-	16	61	s	Norwich	1.2	0.01	15	59	c
Cromer	0.6	0.01	14	57	c	Oxford	1.1	-	16	61	c
Eastbourne	1.2	-	18	64	c	Penzance	X	-	19	66	s
Edinburgh	7.7	-	17	63	s	Poole	6.5	-	19	66	b
Eskdalemuir	0.7	0.01	17	63	c	Scarboro'	X				
Exmouth	4.8	-	20	68	b	Shrewsbury	2.1	0.01	17	63	b
Falmouth	X					Skegness	-	-	14	57	c
Fishguard	8.8	-	16	61	b	Southend	2.5	-	17	63	c
Glasgow	10.1	-	22	72	b	Southport	X	-	19	66	s
Hastings	2.2	-	17	63	c	Stornoway	1.1	0.01	14	57	c
Hove	1.9	-	18	64	c	Swanage	6.3	-	18	64	s
Hunstanton	0.3	-	14	57	c	Teignmouth	8.0	-	18	64	b
Isle of Man	1.1	-	17	63	b	Tenby	4.4	-	19	66	b
Isle-of-wight	4.8	-	18	64	b	Tiree	15.1	-	14	57	s
Jersey	0.1	-	16	64	b	Torquay	5.8	-	20	68	s
Kinloss	1.2	0.01	14	57	b	Tynemouth	X				
Leeds	2.5	0.01	17	63	c	Weston s Mare	1.0	-	18	64	c
Lerwick	0.4	0.01	11	52	c	Weymouth	7.4	0.01	20	68	s

ABROAD

Ajaccio	35	95	c	Cologne	19	66	c	Madrid	29	79	f
Alicante	31	88	s	Corfu	31	88	s	Majorca	27	81	f
Alex'dria	29	84	s	C'phagn	12	54	r	Malaga	29	84	s
Algiers	30	86	f	Dublin	16	61	c	Malta	36	97	s
Amst'dm	18	64	f	Dubrovnik	31	88	s	Melb'rne	11	52	f
Athens	34	93	s	Faro	23	73	c	Mexico C	22	72	s
B Aires	11	52	s	Florence	33	91	s	Miami	34	93	s
Bahrain	39	102	s	Frankfurt	17	63	c	Milan	27	81	f
Bangkok	31	88	f	Funchal	20	68	f	Montreal	17	63	f
Barbados	30	86	f	Geneva	25	77	f	Moscow	18	64	c
Barcelona	26	79	s	Gibraltar	24	75	s	Munich	21	70	r
Beijing	28	73	c	Helsinki	16	61	f	N Delhi	28	82	f
Beirut	28	82	c	Hong K	31	88	f	N York	24	75	s
Belgrade	29	84	s	Innsbruck	22	72	f	Nairobi	21	70	s
Berlin	17	63	r	Istanbul	27	81	s	Naples	34	93	s
Bermuda	28	82	f	Jeddah	39	102	s	Nice	27	81	s
Biarritz	19	66	c	Jo'burg	18	64	s	Oslo	18	64	f
Borde'x	21	70	r	L Angels	23	73	s	Paris	20	68	f
Brussels	17	63	f	L Palmas	24	75	f	Perth	12	54	c
Budapst	27	81	s	La Toquet	18	64	f	Prague	30	86	f
Cairo	35	95	s	Lisbon	22	72	f	Reykjavik	15	59	f
Cape Tn	15	59	c	Locarno	24	75	f	Rhodes	30	86	s
Ch'church	7	45	x	Luxembg	19	66	f	Rio de J	26	82	f
Chicago	26	79	s	Luxor	40	104	s	Riyadh	43	109	s

Rome	30	86	s	Tangier	23	73	c	Vienna	29	79	f
S Fr'sco	15	59	f	Tel Aviv	31	88	s	Warsaw	19	66	f
S Paulo	X			Tenerife	25	77	c	Wash'ton	27	81	s
Salzburg	24	75	f	Tokyo	28	82	f	Wel'ngton	10	50	x
Santiago	14	57	s	Toronto	24	75	f	Zurich	21	70	f
Seoul	22	72	d	Tunis	45	113	s				
Sing'por	32	90	f	Valencia	26	82	s				
St'kholm	19	66	t	Vanc'ver	17	63	f				
Straslb'rg	22	72	c	Venice	28	82	f				
Sydney	13	55	c	Vienna	29	79	f				
Tangier	23	73	c	Warsaw	19	66	f				
Tel Aviv	31	88	s	Wash'ton	27	81	s				
Tenerife	25	77	c	Wel'ngton	10	50	x				
Tokyo	28	82	f	Zurich	21	70	f				
Toronto	24	75	f								

Temperatures at midday local time on Wednesday. X = not available

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Aberdeen	6:07	3.4	20:51	3.4	Liverpool	5:36	7.5	18.17	7.4
Avonmouth	0:59	10.0	13:37	9.8	London Bridge	8:16	6.0	20:39	5.7
Belfast	5:39	3.1	18.25	2.8	Lowestoft	4:36	2.1	16:09	3.3
Cardiff	0:45	9.4	13:23	9.2	Margate	6:33	3.9	18.53	3.9
Devonport	-	-	12:15	4.5	Milford Haven	0.19	5.4	12.57	5.2
Dover	5:44	5.3	18:09	5.4	Newquay	11.58	5.3	-	-
Dublin	6:30	3.4	19:06	3.3	Oban	-	-	12.59	2.9
Falmouth	11:46	4.3	-	-	Penzance	11:35	4.3	-	-
Greenock	6:18	2.9	19:43	2.7	Portland	0:28	1.2	13:44	1.2
Harwich	5:05	3.3	18:22	3.2	Portsmouth	6:01	3.6	18:37	3.9
Holyhead	4:51	4.5	17:39	4.4	Shoreham	5:31	4.6	18:11	4.8
Hull (Albert D)	0:32	7.0	12:53	7.1	Southampton	5:07	3.7	17:50	3.9
Ilfracombe	0:00	7.1	12:39	6.9	Swansea	0:21	7.4	12:65	7.2
King's Lynn	0:49	4.9	13:00	5.0	Tees	10:30	4.7	23:09	4.5
Leith	9:19	4.4	21:50	4.4	Weston-On-Naze	6:05	3.5	18:25	3.4

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Glasgow airport 22C (72F); lowest day max: Sella Ness, Shetland, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Loftus, Redcar and Cleveland, 0.08in; highest sunshine: Tiree, Inner Hebrides, 15.1hr

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Call for shareholders to foot more of pensions mis-selling bill

Pressure mounts on Prudential

BY RICHARD MILES

MEMBERS of Parliament are putting pressure on Prudential Corporation to make its shareholders foot more of the £1.1 billion bill for pension mis-selling revealed by the insurer yesterday.

Sir Peter Davis, Prudential's chief executive, told the Treasury Select Committee that the mis-selling bill would be set against an estimated £12 billion of surplus capital in its long-term life insurance fund.

As a result, Prudential's 1998 profits will be reduced by just £65 million, but a contrite Sir Peter said the company's policyholders would not be forced to contribute towards the compensation because they did not own the capital of the long-term fund.

However, City sources said last night that the Government might seek a more politically pragmatic solution, where shareholders — as the perceived beneficiaries of the £11 billion personal pension mis-selling scandal — would be made to bear a greater proportion of the redress bill.

MPs on the select committee were clearly unhappy with the fact that shareholders appeared to have got off so lightly, although they accepted Sir Peter's shame-faced apologies for the Pru's involvement in probably the biggest financial scandal in British history.

As Sir Peter sought to justify the use of the capital as a practice approved by the Treasury, Charles Clarke, Labour MP for Norwich South, called on him to act "over and above" regulatory requirements, so that both the management board and shareholders should assume a bigger share of the burden.

In an effort to appease his critics, Sir Peter, who joined the company after the mis-selling debacle, said that he and his finance director, Jonathan Bloomer, had last year waived bonus payments of £64,000 and £40,000 respectively. The duo, though, received total packages of £655,000 and £457,000. Sir Peter added that this year's bonus would also take account of the Pru's speed in handling compensation and its reputation.

Using the capital of the long-term insurance fund is likely to prove controversial. Prudential has been locked in dispute with the Department of Trade & Industry and then the Treasury over how much of the surplus comprises orphan assets: funds whose ownership is in dispute. Market estimates of £5 billion have recently been downgraded to £2 billion.

About half of the total £12 billion surplus is needed to meet "policyholders' reasonable expectations", ultimately as a cushion against falling stock markets. Prudential contests that much of the remaining capital belongs to the company because it consists of retained profits, cash injections by shareholders over the past 150 years and non-profit business dating back to the early part of this century.

Prudential's £1.1 billion compensation package is higher than City forecasts of £900 million and more than double its earlier provision of £450 million. The Pru has admitted to 72,000 priority cases and is believed to have double that number of younger victims.

However, Martin Green, a financial analyst at Merrill Lynch, said there was no need to upgrade the £11 billion total redress estimate for the industry. "Prudential controls about 10 per cent of the life insurance market, so £1.1 billion is about right," he said.

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INSURANCE COMPANY SALESMEN FACE FRESH SCANDAL

PENSION top-up contracts are being widely mis-sold by insurance company salesmen, some of whom are even duping their own colleagues in order to benefit from the commission, according to a survey published today (Marianne Curphey writes).

Bacon & Woodrow, the actuary, and *Pensions Week* magazine claim that over 70 per cent of pension scheme managers questioned believed the contracts, known as free standing additional voluntary contributions (FSAVCs), were being mis-sold because company pension schemes often offered cheaper alternatives.

Some consumer groups fear another mis-selling scandal. The survey found some salesmen had managed to sell the products to fellow employees by pretending the free-standing product was part of an in-house company scheme. Others sold the policy to themselves in order to benefit from the commission.

Business to join forces in battle against euro

BY JANET BUSH AND POLLY NEWTON

EUROSCEPTIC British business leaders will step up their campaign against the single currency today with 100 putting their names to a new report arguing that the euro is "bad for business".

Peter Lilley, the Shadow Chancellor, will address a conference in London to launch the report by the European Research Group. Also speaking will be Professor Roland Vaubel from Germany, who organised an open letter by 150 anti-monetary union economists.

Lord Marsh, chairman of the recently formed Business for Sterling group, which launched its campaign in a letter to *The Times* last month with 100 British business signatories, will be invited to appeal for new recruits.

As news of the launch filtered out yesterday, the Confederation of British Industry and the British Chambers of Commerce prepared statements defending their positions and offering rebuttals of the arguments against economic and monetary union in the new report.

The CBI is expected to call for a dispassionate debate of the issues rather than "unjustified and fruitless assertions that the CBI has failed to consult widely or to reflect business opinion". The chambers are expected to attack what they call the "dogmatic" approach of the anti-EMU business lobby.

One aim of Business for Sterling and the European Research Group is to challenge the view that nearly all UK business leaders favour EMU.

Signatories to the research group's report include Sir Rocco Forte, chairman of Forte Hotels, Sir Alick Rankin, chairman of General Accident, and Lord Hindlipp, chairman of Christie's International. The report argues that the euro is politically inspired and that the Continent acknowledges there may be economic costs.

The report argues that monetary union will drive up British taxes to continental levels and that this would damage UK business. It also contends that long-term British interest rates, currently below those of Germany and likely to fall further as the debt to GDP ratio falls, could be pushed higher within monetary union because of high continental debt levels.

It argues that the British economy is too different from those on the Continent to bear a single monetary policy and that EMU would exacerbate this divergence. Monetary union could also burden the City with unnecessary rules and higher capital ratios.

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THE only real threat to monetary union was a culture of excessive secrecy at the European Central Bank that would undermine political legitimacy, according to Willem Buiter, a member of the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee (Janet Bush writes).

Professor Buiter took issue with plans to keep minutes of ECB meetings under wraps for 17 years. He said the minutes should be available within a reasonable period.

However, Professor Buiter remains an EMU fan and predicted that Britain would join as soon as possible after a yes vote in a referendum because the costs of staying out are too high.



Concert promotions will be a main focus for the new group created out of Harvey Goldsmith's entertainment business and Tring International

Goldsmith performs £8.3m Tring deal

BY CHRIS AYRES

HARVEY GOLDSMITH, the concert promoter behind entertainers ranging from Pavarotti to the Bee Gees, is to return to the stock market through an £8.3 million deal with Tring International.

Tring, the troubled discount CD group, will technically buy Harvey Goldsmith Entertainments, the tycoon's private company, with shares and cash. After the deal, Mr Goldsmith plans to buy a UK rival, though he would not say which.

Edward Simons, chairman of Allied Entertainments, Mr Goldsmith's investment vehicle which will become a major shareholder in Tring, said the business would be mainly focused on concert promotions. "You can really create assets out of concerts now by owning the rights to provide them worldwide," he said.

The Tring deal was effectively struck between three old friends: Mr Goldsmith; Mr Simons and Paul Levinson, a shareholder in both Tring and Allied. Mr Levinson plans to underwrite a fundraising by the company — which is to be renamed — once the deal receives shareholder approval.

Tring, which owns the rights to the performances of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, will continue to sell some discount CDs.

GEC still open to merger

BY ADAM JONES

LORD Simpson of Dunkeld, managing director of GEC, said yesterday he is ready to revive merger talks with Thomson-CSF, the French defence electronics group.

GEC was shut out of the partial privatisation of Thomson when the French Government offered stakes to French companies only but GEC has taken heart from recent management changes.

Lord Simpson has also been in contact with the chairmen of both Northrop Grumman and Lockheed Martin, the US aerospace and electronics groups, to offer them an "escape route" from their troubled merger, which is opposed by the US Government. GEC has a war chest of £5 billion for acquisitions, including net cash of about £1.2 billion.

While admitting that a merger with British Aerospace is "always one of a number of options", Lord Simpson made it clear that he wants to continue progress made in improving GEC's value as an independent company.

GEC shares rose yesterday from 524½p to 536p after annual results showed profits before tax and exceptionals of £1.08 billion, up from £1.01 billion.

Earnings per share before exceptionals rose from 23.6p to 24.7p. A final dividend of 8p per share will be paid, making 11.43p (13.5p) for the year. A bonus issue of put warrants — effectively a share buyback — will add about 2.5p a share to this payment and this will be a feature of future distributions.

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Stoy pays £30m to settle PPI case

BDO Stoy Hayward, former auditor to Asil Nadir's Polly Peck International (PPI), has paid an estimated £30 million to settle the long-outstanding negligence claim brought by PPI's administrators (Jon Ashworth writes).

Christopher Morris of Deloitte & Touche, joint administrator of PPI, had been seeking £250 million from Stoy, which denied negligence in its auditing of PPI. The case was due to come to court in October, but settling now provides a return to PPI's creditors and avoids significant further costs. The payment will be covered by insurance.

Deloitte & Touche was represented by Freshfields. Stoy was represented by Davies Arnold Cooper.

PPI collapsed in October 1990 with debts of more than £1 billion.

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BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FTSE 100	5960.2	(+40.3)
Yield	2.81%	
FTSE All share	2793.85	(+16.64)
Nikkei	16471.58	(+106.69)
New York:		
Dow Jones	9038.46	(-10.21)*
S&P Composite	1146.11	(-2.45)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5¾%	(7¾)
Long Bond	107[17/32]*	(107[5/32])
Yield	5.60%*	(5.63%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	7[29/32]%	(7[29/32]%)
Liffe long gilt future (Sep)	108.89	(108.75)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.6560*	(1.6603)
London:		
$	1.6583	(1.6594)
DM	3.0216	(3.0175)
FFr	10.1210	(10.1100)
SFr	2.5401	(2.5361)
Yen	234.05	(230.21)
£ Index	107.3	(107.1)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.8225*	(1.8197)
FFr	6.1120*	(6.0970)
SFr	1.5348*	(1.5280)
Yen	141.60*	(137.90)
$ Index	113.2	(112.5)

Tokyo close Yen 139.18

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Sep) $14.05 ($13.95)

GOLD

London close $294.25 ($295.45)

* denotes midday trading price

Russian threat to seize gas assets

BY CARL MORTISHED
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS EDITOR

GAZPROM, the world's largest gas company and backbone of the Russian economy, was thrown into turmoil yesterday when the Russian Government threatened to seize its assets in an effort to recover taxes.

Within hours, the order by Prime Minister Sergei Kiriyenko was rescinded and an agreement was hastily cobbled together under which Gazprom will pay 4 billion roubles (£390 million) per month in taxes. Gazprom is said to owe the Russian Government almost £1.2 billion in back taxes and penalties but the company is owed a similar amount in trade debts by state-funded organisations.

Gazprom accounts for about a quarter of the financially strapped Russian government's tax income. The country lurched into crisis in May, raising interest rates to 150 per cent to shore up its battered currency.

Observers reckon that pressure from the IMF to collect taxes and sell off state assets prompted the move against Gazprom. Some 40 per cent of the company is in state hands.

Gazprom supplies more than a fifth of Europe's gas but the Russian company suffers a bad debt problem at home with unpaid accounts totalling about 100 billion roubles. Gazprom said yesterday it would resort to seizure of assets to collect debts; cutting off supplies in the Russian winter is hardly an option.

LANVIN HOMME

Battered South Africa points finger at Soros

Jon Ashworth says the impoverished township dwellers will pay the heaviest price for the plunging value of the rand

LAST December, in a speech marking the 50th anniversary of the African National Congress (ANC), Nelson Mandela castigated corruption and greed in business, singling out "predatory elites" elsewhere in Africa. He quoted George Soros in calling on international business to *accept greater social responsibility* for its consequences.

His words fell on deaf ears, judging by the recent attack on the South African rand. Worse, the ringleader is alleged to be Soros himself. Mandela, in his final months as South Africa's political *figurehead, is experiencing a last* bitter taste of Western capitalism.

Nobody actually knows whether Soros's New York-based Quantum Fund is behind the run on the rand, but all the hallmarks are there. Having attacked the Thai baht, the *Malaysian ringgit and the Japanese* yen, the currency speculators have now launched a concerted assault on the South African currency, pushing it to unprecedented lows. The rand, worth more than the US dollar in the early eighties, is now six to the dollar and ten to the pound.

Chris Stals, the governor of the South African reserve bank, blamed last Friday's sharp falls in the currency on a single large American hedge fund, but declined to name it. Soros, who has donated millions of dollars to South African housing projects, could well be the culprit. Market analysts say that several dozen arbitrage desks working independently can inflict just as much damage if they decide a currency is ripe for the picking.

The rand has fallen 26 per cent against the dollar since January. Since late May, when the assault began, the SA central bank has spent R26 billion, about half its foreign reserves, in seeking to shore up the currency. The repo — the repurchase rate at which the central bank lends to commercial banks — has risen 4 percentage points to more than 22 per cent. It was 15 per cent in March.

There are serious doubts as to whether the South African Government will stick to its goal of implementing tight fiscal policies. GDP growth has been revised downwards. All this presents a depressing scenario for Mr Mandela, 79, who continues in the largely ceremonial role of state president until his retirement next year. He resigned as ANC leader in December in favour of Thabo Mbeki. South Africa has attracted little in the way of fresh foreign investment and is lagging behind in its attempts to bring housing, water and electricity to poorer areas.

When multinationals such as Shell and Kodak pulled out in the late 1970s and early 1980s, it was the local white entrepreneurs who reaped the benefits, snapping up assets at a fraction of their real value. It made them millionaires. The sanctions that followed served simply to deepen the plight of the township dwellers.

The West, having embraced sanctions, is again inflicting the maximum possible damage on the people who can least afford it.

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Orange up as mobile subscribers increase

BY RAYMOND SNODDY, MEDIA EDITOR

THE share price of Orange, the mobile telephone company, closed 33p up yesterday at 680p following news of a record second quarter in which the net number of subscribers grew by 132,000.

The increase bring Orange's total number of subscribers to 1.45 million. Orange's latest figures were released as BT announced further reductions to the cost of calling Cellnet and Vodafone mobile phones from BT lines.

From the beginning of next month charges will come down from 32p to 30p a minute during the day and from 22p to 20p during the evening and at night. At the weekend the drop will be from 10.5p to 10p. Less than three years ago BT calls to cellular phones cost 41.05p per minute during the daytime.

The latest reductions should help to simplify mobile telephone charges. The payments agreed with the two cellular companies means that calls to all four UK mobile phone companies — Cellnet, Vodafone, One-to-One and Orange are charged at the same rate. BT owns 60 per cent of Cellnet.

BT said yesterday: "As well as continuing to pass on to our customers the benefits of the lower payments which we have agreed with the other operators, it will be easier for people to understand the cost of their calls."

Yesterday, Hans Snook, group managing director of Orange, said the record growth in the second quarter, that equalled the company's highest-ever quarter, partly reflected overall growth in the market.

Together the four mobile companies added 577,000 net new mobile subscribers in the three months to the end of June to take the UK total to 9.6 million subscribers.

Orange's underlying churn, or subscriber loss rate, for the 12 months to June increased to 18.9 per cent from 16.7 per cent.

Overall, the industry hopes that half the UK population will be using mobile phones by 2004 compared to the current figure of around 16 per cent.

Paribas sells 8.3% stake in Sema Group

PARIBAS, the French banking group, yesterday made £270 million by selling an 8.3 per cent stake in Sema Group, the technology company that narrowly missed out on joining the FTSE 100 last month (Jason Nissé writes).

Paribas sold 38 million shares at 710p each. The bank still holds 14.1 per cent of Sema and said it would not sell any more shares for 180 days.

Paribas is one of two large French shareholders to have backed the Anglo-French group since the 1980s. France Telecom, the other, said it did not plan to cut its 22.5 per cent stake.

Pierre Bonelli, chief executive of Sema, said: "The reduction of the Paribas holding will serve to further broaden the ownership of the company's shares." *Tempus page 30*



Michael Hardern, above, leader of the campaign to force the Nationwide Building Society to demutualise, has asked the Building Societies Commission to rule that the board has exceeded its powers by not acting reasonably in its handling of the conversion ballot (John Givens writes). His action comes after the furore over the voting forms sent to the society's 4.9 million members in June, with many claiming the form has been designed to mislead

Microsoft pays $5m settlement

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

BILL GATES, the Microsoft chairman and world's wealthiest man, has bowed to the demands of a penniless British computer programmer and paid $5 million to use his trademarked name, Internet Explorer.

Dhiren Rana, a UK citizen based in Chicago who was driven into bankruptcy by Microsoft, settled out of court after alleging Mr Gates had stolen the browser name.

SyNet, Mr Rana's company, created a browser called the Internet Explorer in 1994, a year ahead of the Microsoft product of the same name.

Joseph Grear, a SyNet lawyer, said: "Microsoft gets the trademark." Lawyers for Mr Gates had argued that Internet Explorer was a generic name, unprotected by trademark laws.

Now the software company will take over Mr Rana's trademark application, which it had disputed in court. The case was threatening to become an embarrassment to Mr Gates. His company will be tried in a federal court in Washington for monopolistic behaviour on September 8.

Mr Rana is unlikely to see more than a fraction of the $5 million. SyNet is being pursued by creditors and lawyers and has run up million-dollar bills in preparation for the trial, which was halted after two days.

Netscape up as suitors gather

BY OLIVER AUGUST

NETSCAPE, Microsoft's ailing rival, has made a stunning recovery, rising 50 per cent in two days. The internet browser company is in talks with General Electric and Walt Disney.

The stock hit a high of $80 (£48) two years ago but slid to $15 in April. Yesterday it hit $40 in frenetic trading.

A deal could involve an agreement to co-operate or an equity sale, or both. Mike Homer, a Netscape executive vice president, named as potential partners CBS, the GE-owned NBC, Walt Disney-owned ABC and Fox, owned by The News Corporation, parent company of *The Times*.

An equity sale or even a takeover bid would make Silicon Valley's most prominent poster boy even richer. Marc Andreessen, Netscape's 26-year-old founder, made his first $150 million when the company was floated for $2.7 billion in 1995. The recent price rise values Netscape at $4 billion.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

CBI blames weather for sales setback

HIGH STREET sales decelerated in June for the third month running, largely because of the dreadful weather, according to the Confederation of British Industry. The only bright spot during the month was reported by grocers and off-licences, the latter given a boost by football fans intent on watching the World Cup at home armed with take-away beers.

The latest distributive trades survey showed that 45 per cent of retailers reported higher sales between June 4 and June 24 while 26 per cent said that sales had fallen. This left a positive balance of 19 per cent, significantly lower than 25 per cent recorded in May and 26 per cent in April. The slowdown came as a surprise to retailers, but they remain optimistic that July will see an acceleration of volumes. The Monetary Policy Committee meets on Wednesday and Thursday next week for its monthly discussion on interest rate policy.

New jobs at Vauxhall

VAUXHALL is to create more than 1,000 new jobs with the introduction of an extra shift to increase production at the Ellesmere Port plant in Cheshire to a potential 180,000 Astras a year. The chairman and managing director, Nick Reilly, who recently gave up his £160,000 salary for a year as a sign of his commitment to the company, said: "The outstanding reception given to the new Astra has given us the opportunity to increase capacity earlier than we could ever have hoped for."

Diageo sells C&C stake

DIAGEO yesterday confirmed the sale of its 49.6 per cent stake in Cantrell & Cochrane, the Irish drinks distributor, to Allied Domecq for an estimated £270 million to £280 million. The deal, which gives Allied 100 per cent ownership of C&C, satisfies conditions for approval by EU competition authorities allowing Diageo to buy the 69 per cent of United Beverage Holdings (UBH), the soft drinks distributor, that it does not already own. Industry sources expect Diageo to buy out the balance for around £35 million.

Channel 4 digital deal

CHANNEL 4 is close to a deal to take its new subscription film channel on to BSkyB's digital satellite service. Channel 4, like the BBC, has a policy of "platform neutrality", seeking to put its service on to all forms of digital television — satellite, terrestrial and cable. This will disappoint Michael Green, chairman of British Digital Broadcasting, the main commercial digital terrestrial operator. BDB wants exclusive programming to set it apart from other digital operators and would have been interested in the Channel 4 film channel.

'Whistleblowers' safe

EMPLOYEES who "blow the whistle" on wrongdoing at work will be protected from victimisation and dismissal under a new law which received royal assent yesterday. The Public Interest Disclosure Act 1998 — dubbed the "whistleblowers' charter" — aims to promote greater openness by protecting workers if they take their concerns to an outside body as a last resort. The measure was introduced as a Private Member's Bill by Richard Shepherd MP, a Conservative backbencher, with full Government support.

CRH buying spree

CRH, the acquisitive Irish building materials group, spent IE84 million (£67.2 million) on new ventures in the first half of the year, including IE36 million on acquisitions in the US, embracing asphalt and readymix concrete businesses in Wyoming, Idaho and Colorado, some IE14 million on new plant in Ireland and IE17 million on several small building products companies in Europe. In Argentina, CRH has acquired the remaining shares in Canteras Cerro Negro, the country's leading roof tile company with sales of IE40 million.

GOVETT AMERICAN SMALLER COMPANIES TRUST PLC

Notice is hereby given that the register of members will be closed for transfers from close of business on 14 July 1998 pending the outcome of the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company to be held on 16 July 1998 (or any adjournment thereof).

By order of the Board,

AIB Govett Asset Management Limited (Secretary)

Registered Office: Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.79	2.82
Austria Sch	22.21	20.55
Belgium Fr	65.38	60.42
Canada $	2.551	2.363
Cyprus Cyp£	0.925	0.854
Denmark Kr	12.08	11.19
Egypt Pound	5.85	5.24
Finland Mkk	9.72	8.97
France Fr	10.58	9.80
Germany Dm	3.18	2.94
Greece Dr	533	494
Hong Kong $	13.85	12.45
Iceland	131	111
Ireland Pt	1.25	1.16
Israel Shk	6.47	6.81
Italy Lira	3148	2911
Japan Yen	248.12	230.58
Malta	0.697	0.629
Netherlds Gld	3.591	3.296
New Zealand $	3.36	3.12
Norway Kr	13.47	12.53
Portugal Esc	321.30	298.27
S Africa Rd	11.05	10.09
Spain Pta	267.68	248.89
Sweden Kr	14.21	13.11
Switzerland Fr	2.68	2.47
Turkey Lira	447957	427079
USA $	1.782	1.619

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LEGAL NOTICES

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(In Administrative Receivership)
HOLDING FINANCIER IYL (LONDON) LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership)
UNION GROUP Plc
(In Administrative Receivership)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that meetings of the creditors of the above named companies will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, situated at One Great Cumberland Place, London W1H 8LE, on 14th July 1998 at 11.05 am, 11.15 am, 11.25 am, 11.35 am, 11.45 am, 11.55 am and 12.00 noon respectively, for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.

It is not intended to propose any resolutions at the meetings concerning Liquidators remuneration, however the meetings may receive information about, or be called upon to approve, the costs of preparing the statement of affairs and convening the meetings.

A list of names and addresses of the above companies creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, One Great Cumberland Place, London W1H 8LE, between the hours of 10.00 am to 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.

Dated this 30th June 1998
F. J. Browning for and on behalf of Premier Land Management Services Limited, Director

ZIP TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at The Bonnington Hotel, 92 Southampton Row, London WC1B 4BH on 22nd July 1998 at 11.00 A.M. for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.

Notice is also hereby given, pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that Jamie Taylor of Messrs. Taylor Gotham & Fry, The Old Exchange, 234 Southchurch Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex SS1 2EG is qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the above company, and will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the company's affairs as they may reasonably require.

Resolutions to be taken at the aforementioned meeting may include a resolution specifying the terms on which the Liquidator is to be remunerated. The meeting may also receive information about or be called upon to approve the costs of preparing the Statement of Affairs and convening the meeting.

Dated the 25th June 1998
Geoffrey Simpson
Director

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
ETITS SERVICES LIMITED
IN ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held under the provisions of Section 23 of the Insolvency Act 1986 at Coptrax, High Ercall, Telford, Shropshire TF6 6BS on 21 July 1998 at 11.00 am for the purposes mentioned in the Act.

Copies of the administrators' proposals are being sent to all known creditors. They are available to members, free of charge, upon receipt of a written request at the address below.

A secured creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance (if any) of his debt after deducting the value of his security as estimated by him.

Creditors who intend to vote at the meeting should note the following:

(a) Written statements of claim must be lodged with the administrator by 12 noon on the day before the meeting at the office of Ernst & Young, P O Box 61, Cloth Hall Court, 14 King Street, Leeds LS1 2JR.

(b) Proxies for use at the meeting must be lodged with the administrator.

R H Kelly and J D Newell
Joint Administrators
30 June 1998

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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Joint Administrators
30 June 1998

EJ COLLINS & CO LIMITED
(IN LIQUIDATION)
NOTICE TO CLAIM
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 1st day of September 1998, to send in their full christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any), to the undersigned JED Smith at Stonecutter Court, 1 Stonecutter Street, London, EC4A 4TR, the Liquidator of the said company, and if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their solicitors, to prove their debts or claims at such time or place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Important notice: The Liquidator currently holds funds on trust relating to the sale of shares and dividends thereon of which the ownership is not entirely clear. It is highly likely that the funds belong to the company, however, if any party believes that they may have a claim to such funds they should contact the Liquidator with full details of their claim on or before the date specified above. If any unclaimed funds after that date will be made available to the general body of creditors. This note does not apply to claims already received and agreed in the liquidation proceedings.

J E D SMITH
LIQUIDATOR
EJ COLLINS & CO LIMITED
(IN LIQUIDATION)
1 July 1998

EPOR HOMES LIMITED
Company Number 2015648

Notice is hereby given that the Company approved by Special Resolution passed on 29 June 1998 pursuant to section 378 of the Companies Act 1985 as amended (the "Act") a payment out of capital for the purpose of purchasing 69,056 of its own Ordinary Shares of £1 each.

The amount of the permissible capital repayment (as defined by sections 170,171 and 172 of the Act) for the shares in question is £51,999.36.

The statutory declaration of the sole director of the Company and the auditor's report required by section 173 of the Act are available for inspection at the registered office of the Company at Greenhill Nurseries, Hill End Road, Leeds, LS12 3PT.

Any creditors of the Company may at any time prior to 4 August 1998 apply to the Court under Section 176 of the Act for an order prohibiting the payment.

Garretts, 1 City Square, Leeds LS1 2AL (Ref: JFW/EVS)

In the Matter of Fleguide Limited And in the Matter of the Insolvency Act and Rules 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106, I, Melvyn Julian Carter of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5NU, give notice that on 29 June 1998 I was appointed Liquidator of Fleguide Limited by resolutions of members and creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before 31st December 1998 to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Melvyn Julian Carter of Hill House, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5NU, the Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution.

Dated: 30 June 1998
Melvyn Julian Carter, Liquidator

PUBLIC NOTICES

ScottishPower

ScottishPower plc

Notice of an application for consent to construct and operate an Open Cycle Gas Turbine (OCGT) Generating Unit at The Holybourne Generating Unit in the district of East Hampshire, Hampshire (Grid Reference SU 745 415).

Notice is hereby given that ScottishPower plc has applied under Section 36 of the Electricity Act (1989) for the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry's consent to construct and operate an OCGT generating unit at The Holybourne Generating Unit at Holybourne, Hampshire; and for a direction under Schedule 8 of the Act stating that planning permission for the generating station be deemed to be granted.

The proposed generating station, to be known as The Holybourne Generating Unit, will have a nominal output of 160MW.

A copy of the application; a plan showing the land to which it relates; and supporting environmental information are available for inspection by members of the public at the following locations during normal office hours:

Planning Department, East Hampshire District Council
Penns Place, Petersfield
Hampshire GU31 4EX

Minerals and Waste Planning Department,
Hampshire County Council
The Castle, Winchester
Hampshire SO23 8UJ

Objections to the application should be made in writing to the President of the Board of Trade, Department of Trade and Industry, Electricity Directorate, 1.D.2B, 1 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0ET stating the name of the station and the grounds for objection before 10 August 1998. It is required that a copy of any objection be posted to the Environment and Planning Section at ScottishPower Technology, 45 Hawbank Road, College Milton North, East Kilbride, Glasgow G74 5EG.

LEGAL, PUBLIC, COMPANY & PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES

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Pru pays £1bn to eat humble pie

COMMENTARY
by our City Editor

The prospect of facing a House of Commons select committee is fast assuming nightmare status for businessmen. Sir Richard Sykes almost had his nails pulled out as the politicians tried to establish why he had failed to consummate the merger of his Glaxo-Wellcome with SmithKline Beecham. On Wednesday, Andrew Millar was reduced to tears as MPs on the Science and Technology Committee grilled him on goings-on at British Biotech.

Yesterday, it was the turn of Sir Peter Davis to confront the Treasury Select Committee and the result was far from edifying. Sir Peter did what many of his colleagues in the financial services industry have decided they must do: he grovelled.

Yet if the vigorous selling of personal pensions was a scandal, its unravelling is beginning to look equally scandalous. Companies such as the Pru have now been battered into submission by the Government, and particularly Treasury Minister, Helen Liddell. They were at fault in not moving faster to clear up the mess, but the way in which they are now paying huge sums to settle the issue is also culpable. The Pru knows that among those demanding redress there are undeserving as well as deserving cases but it is bowing to Government pressure, and the blackmail threat that it may in the future be excluded from lucrative markets, and sending out the cheques. The cost of a quiet life, apart from the bruising to Sir Peter's knees, is an estimated bill of £1.1 billion.

Although the Pru, and its colleagues, like to infer that this money can be found in a secret hiding place and it will not affect the fortunes of policyholders at all, shareholders will be hit. The logical argument says that they enjoyed the profits from mis-selling and should now pay the penalty but shareholders may also feel that their company owes them a duty to minimise the liability.

As the mis-selling review moves into phase two, the companies are likely to feel even more inclined to settle speedily, yet the claims will be hugely complicated to assess. Sir Peter and the rest of his industry should beware of being browbeaten into shelling out shareholders' cash at the behest of the likes of Brian Sedgemore MP, who relished the chance to savage the man who, when he is not running the Pru, is actually heading the Government's drive to curb youth unemployment.

Of course, one would have slightly more sympathy for the victims of Mr Sedgemore's self-righteousness if it were not for the fact that they still seem reluctant to stop customers from mis-buying. The latest research into pensions selling indicates that pushing the wrong product is still almost the norm. This is likely to remain the case as long as selling the product brings the salesman commission. The Pru is altering its commission structure but it is not brave enough to ditch the concept of commission. While there is commission to be earned, mis-selling will abound.

Simpson tidies up around the House

Not so long ago, Lord Simpson of Dunkeld and John Mayo resembled those unfortunate Greeks who got on the wrong side of the Gods and had to endure a bizarre and eternal punishment.

The fate of the GEC men was to trudge around the world, pockets burdened with more than £1 billion of cash and billions more in borrowed money — *with nothing to spend it on.*

Contrast this with Mr Mayo's demeanour yesterday. Asked how much GEC had to spend on acquisitions, the finance director cheerily replied that the group could lay its hands on about £5 billion in "readily available spondoolicks". He sounded like a man with a shopping list.

The City is warming to the company in its positive, post-Weinstock incarnation. Much of what the new management has done is simply good housekeeping, the same kind of corporate modernisation Lord Weinstock carried out when he hauled the British electrical industry out of its post-war stagnation with a tough new regime of cost accounting. The establishment this year of a £4 billion standby debt facility improved GEC's muscle in an industry where those who move slowest will get eaten. The old industrial group has been tidied. Businesses that did not fit with the new focus on high tech, high margins have been sold.

GEC had become dependent on joint ventures for about 50 per cent of its earnings and sales. After the latest unravelling, which saw Alstom floated and GEC take all of the GPT telecoms arm formed with Siemens, the level should have fallen to about 15 per cent. Lord Simpson is not averse to forming new partnerships but they will be kept on a tight rein.

The acquisition of Tracor, a US defence electronics group, was greeted as a coup and evidence of Simpson's ability to spot the deals. So far, so good, and in appreciation the market has sent the shares up by a disproportionate 60 per cent since last August.

GEC is now in a much stronger position to make deals on both sides of the Atlantic. Surprising, then, that the man most important to its future, and that of its 126,000 employees, should have accepted an invitation to become a working peer. It is true that Lord Simpson does not put in the same hours at the House as some of his recently ennobled colleagues — Lord (David) Sainsbury, for instance, exited the boardroom of his family firm almost as the ermine hit his shoulders. But this hardly suggests that democracy is getting the best deal, even if GEC shareholders may be.

The mature view of anti-EMU stance

What is perceived to be inevitable, inevitably becomes acceptable. This has been the risk with the issue of Britain joining the single European currency. Cheered on by the voice of big business and the enthusiasm of the Prime Minister, the idea that Britain will enter EMU has been gradually gaining credence even among those hostile to the project. The Bank of England has been encouraging retailers and finance houses to be prepared for when the time comes and the message, conveyed gently, but persistently, is that it is definitely "when" not "if". The Bank is, perhaps, afeared that unless organisations believe that they must gear up for Britain's entry into Euroland they will, quite reasonably, not do so. That could lead to chaos should the Government want to move speedily into the single currency after an early election, rapidly followed by a referendum.

But at last we are beginning to hear the voice of a business lobby against Britain joining EMU. The 100 business leaders who have endorsed the anti-EMU study published today overlap closely with those who are backing the recently launched Business for Sterling group, being fronted by the sprightly septuagenarian Lord Marsh. The average age of the "antis" might concern actuaries but the task for them is to shout loudly enough to be heard by those more gullible youngsters who have been persuaded that Britain's entry is a foregone conclusion.

Pecked

AMAZINGLY, Polly Peck subsided nearly eight years ago. Asil Nadir still frolics but the long purgatory of Stoy Hayward, Mr Nadir's too-trusting auditor, has ended in a settlement that seems to reflect ability to pay and even some realistic degree of blame, instead of just targeting supposedly deep pockets. This is welcome. Auditors sign accounts at their peril but silly mega-claims on auditors of failed firms benefit only lawyers.

Bulmer chief plans to put the sparkle back in cider

BY DOMINIC WALSH

HP BULMER, the UK's biggest cidermaker, yesterday quashed recent takeover speculation and claimed the business has a strong future as an independent company.

Mike Hughes, chief executive, dismissed the bid speculation that has dogged the group since a profit warning in February, focusing instead on plans to revive Bulmer's fortunes. "The potential is tremendous," he said.

His comments came as he revealed a 26 per cent slump in profits before tax and exceptional items to £22.1 million in the year to April 30. Turnover was 4 per cent lower at £298.2 million and earnings per share were 27 per cent lower at 26.4p. The final dividend is 9.8p, making 15.0p (14.52p).

The profits decline stemmed largely from a flood of imports of cheap foreign beer before Christmas and unprofitable promotions run by some of the UK's biggest retailers. In addition, a price war in the white cider category badly affected its White Lightning brand.

Exceptionals included the £1.62 million cost of installing new systems across the business and a further £2.5 million from the closure of the Inch's plants in Devon, which should save £1 million a year in costs.

The woes of Bulmer and its biggest rivals, Matthew Clark and Merrydown, have prompted fears over the future of the entire cider market. However, Mr Hughes pointed out that sales had grown steadily over the past 50 years, checked only by two tax increases, and the recent problems stemmed from a sharp reduction in marketing spend by the big players.


Nash: Merrydown revamp

In common with its rivals, Bulmer is now investing heavily in its key Strongbow, Scrumpy Jack and White Lightning brands. It will spend £7 million this year, including £4.5 million on a television advertising campaign with Johnny Vaughan, of The Big Breakfast.

An even more dramatic makeover is being conducted by Andy Nash, the new chairman at Merrydown, which has just completed a financial restructuring after almost collapsing. The slimmed down group, which last week shed half of its 120-strong Sussex workforce, will put £2 million behind its two key brands, Merrydown and Shloër.

Mr Nash, who unveiled losses of £4.1 million in the year to March 31 after one-off costs of £3.1 million, said: "We think we've got two brands that, with a bit of pizazz and marketing spend, should put £10 million on the bottom line."

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Thorn buys Australian rival for £25m

THORN, the rentals group that this week agreed to a £1.2 billion takeover by Nomura, is buying its main competitor in Australia (Sarah Cunningham writes). It hopes to find a buyer for the enlarged Australian business as soon as possible as part of its plan to sell all its overseas assets.

Thorn is paying £25 million for Eclipse Retail, which trades as Rentlo and is a subsidiary of Philips. The business made operating profits of £4.1 million last year on turnover of £21.2 million. It has net asssets of £18.8 million.

Thorn is market leader in rentals in Australia, ahead of Rentlo, where it trades as Radio Rentals and Redihire.

Thorn also announced that it has sold its Benelux rental business to local management for £4.3 million.

EMI reviews staff salary packages

BY CHRIS AYRES

EMI, the troubled UK music group whose share price has suffered from controversy over lavish payoffs and an aborted takeover bid from Canada's Seagram, is renegotiating multimillion-pound salary packages for its new board members.

Ken Berry, 46, chief executive of EMI Recorded Music, and Martin Bandier, 56, head of EMI Music Publishing, were promoted to the board of EMI in April. Their appointments followed the resignation of Jim Fifield, former head of the company's music division, with a £12.5 million payoff.

An EMI spokesman said: "It's a case of attracting the right people to run the business. The remuneration is not unusual by the standards of the North American music industry." Music industry executives traditionally regard themselves as being as talented as their performers and reward themselves accordingly.

The new contracts are expected to include an increase in remuneration for both men, and a change from fixed-term contracts to rolling two-year agreements. Mr Bandier is thought to earn a basic salary of $2 million (£1.2 million), and enjoys a performance-related incentive award worth up to 90 per cent of his salary. He can also earn a share performance award of up to $1.4 million.

Mr Berry has an estimated basic salary of $1.3 million and is entitled to share options. Both men are among the highest-paid directors of British quoted companies. EMI's shares fell 5p to 514p yesterday, compared with a high of 738½p in 1996.

OEPC issue hampered by Regent

THE woes of Regent Inns, which last week saw its share price savaged after it revealed a catalogue of accounting errors, have caused a hangover at Old English Pub Company (Dominic Walsh writes).

The pub operator said yesterday that the £30 million rights issue launched at the end of May had been supported by just 46.4 per cent of shareholders.

When OEPC launched the rights issue at 330p a share it was riding high at more than 380p. By last night's close it had shed a further 15½p to 300½p.

A source close to the company said: "There's no doubt the Regent situation took the wind out of this issue's sails." OEPC plans to use the proceeds to add 50 units to its existing 120-strong estate.

Daiwa sells equity unit to Barclays Capital

BY RICHARD MILES
BANKING CORRESPONDENT

BARCLAYS CAPITAL, the investment banking arm of the high street bank, is paying about $10 million (£6 million) for the equity financing unit of Daiwa, the Japanese securities house.

Described by City analysts as "an in-fill" acquisition, Barclays Capital said the deal would allow it to expand its services to institutional clients, particularly hedge funds and fund managers.

The purchase brings 52 people and operations in New York, London and Hong Kong. The business is headed by Kevin Mirabile, a former Morgan Stanley executive who established it for Daiwa three years ago. Mr Mirabile, who is based in New York, will join Barclays Capital, principally reporting to Thomas Kalaris, chief executive for the Americas.

Barclays Capital, which has an AA credit rating, said the new unit would enable it to offer securities lending, equities derivatives financing — such as repos and swaps — as well as bringing a prime brokerage business.

Daiwa put the unit up for sale six months ago after a decision to concentrate on its core equity financing business. The sale was also prompted by the tougher funding requirements for Japanese financial institutions as the country embraces market deregulation.

TONY WHITE


Declan O'Farrell, chief executive, sees a chance for synergies in the London Northern acquisition

Metroline in £42m bus deal

BY MATTHEW BARBOUR

SHARES in Metroline, the North London bus company bought out from London Transport in 1994, soared by 30½p to 305p after the company announced its first big acquisition since flotation last year.

Metroline is buying MTL London Northern, another of the London bus companies privatised four years ago, in a deal valued at £41.9 million. The acquisition will double Metroline's share of the London market from 7 to 14 per cent and is being part funded by a two-for-five rights issue at 250p per share, to raise about £21.5 million.

Employees will be offered the opportunity to share in the enlarged group's fortunes, with 800,000 new shares being made available at 250p per share.

Declan O'Farrell, chief executive of Metroline, said: "The deal will create enormous opportunities for synergies and operational efficiencies. It is our first significant step in growing the company into a broad-based passenger transport group."

London Northern employs 1,200 staff and runs about 400 buses covering 46 routes.

In the year to March 1998 London Northern made pre-tax profits of £2 million on turnover of £36.8 million.

Shares in Metroline, which is currently valued at £65 million, were issued last July at 173p. The extraordinary meeting to approve the deal will be held on July 20.

Shopfitter sues Savoy for £2.8m

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

THE Savoy Group is being sued by a contractor for refusing to pay a £2.8 million bill for work carried out during the recent lavish refurbishment of Claridge's.

Timtec International, a privately owned Derbyshire shopfitter and interior designer, carried out much of the refurbishment work on Claridge's Art Deco and Victorian wings. The two companies failed to agree a price while the work, which was finished last year, was being done and Timtec is still waiting to be paid. Timtec is claiming £2.39 million plus VAT in a writ that has been served on the Savoy Group.

The Savoy Group, which was bought in April by the American Blackstone investment firm for £520 million, spent about £40 million on the two-year refurbishment of Claridge's.

Alan Fort, finance director of the Savoy, said that the company had been advised by its quantity surveyors, architects and project managers that the Timtec bill was too high, but he declined to say how much the company would like to pay. The bill should not come as a nasty surprise to the new owners, as provisions have been made to cover the outstanding costs of the refurbishment work. Mr Fort said he hopes the matter can be settled before it reaches court.

Timtec, which is working at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in London, said it had suggested arbitration. However, Mr Fort said the contracts involved had not had an arbitration clause, meaning litigation was the only route once direct negotiations broke down.



STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

Stock Market Writer of the Year

Mobile phone operators set right tone for the City

THE mobile telephone operators are *ringing all the right* numbers as far as investors are concerned after this week's record rise in new subscribers.

They claimed *four slots in* the top ten best performers in the FTSE 100 with **Cable & Wireless** up 43p, or 5.76 per cent, to 790p, while **Orange** leapt 33p to 680p, **Vodafone** 23p to 819p and **British Telecom** — which owns half of Cellnet — 20p to 765p.

Earlier this week, Vodafone and Cable & Wireless, which owns One-2-One, both pleased *the market with record subscriber* numbers in the second quarter. Yesterday *it was the* turn of Orange with 132,000 *new customers in the second* quarter taking the total to 1.45 million. British Telecom fuelled the debate by reducing *the cost of calls to mobile* phones.

Share prices generally got off to a flying start enthused by efforts to revive the Japanese economy and *the* absence of a rate rise in the US after the latest meeting of the Federal Reserve Open Market Committee. But best levels were not held with traders worried by a sell-off of the yen against the dollar which may undermine Far Eastern markets.

Gains were eventually halved with the FTSE 100 index closing 40.3 up at 5,960.2 while the FTSE 250 index put on 23.4 at 5,558.3. Total turnover of 1.06 billion was boosted by a large placing in **Sema Group** by Paribas, the French bank, which put 8.3 per cent of its holding on the market. Despite this, the technology group rose 5p to 725p.

British Aerospace continued to reflect upon a series of contracts awarded to Airbus Industrie where it has a 40 per cent stake. Latest reports suggest an American airline is about to place a $3.7 billion order. Credit Suisse First Boston rates BAe a "buy". The shares rose 13¼p to 486½p.

Further broker recommendations after a visit this week to its German operations pushed **GKN** 15½p higher to 825½p. Merrill Lynch has moved from "neutral" to "accumulate", while Lehman Brothers notes strong trading in all divisions and says the shares are enjoying a justifiable premium. It expects the shares to "outperform".

The full-year numbers and £358 million share buyback from **GEC** were well received by the market. Profits of £1.08



GEC, which recently won a sizeable order from American Airlines for its cockpit displays, saw shares up 11½p to 536p

billion were in line with expectations and achieved despite a £750 million hit from sterling. The shares rose 11½p to 536p.

The *strong pound has* savaged **John Haggas**, down 19p at 48½p, and the textile group now expects to record pre-tax profits of only £1 million compared with brokers forecasts of £1.5 million, down from £2.22 million last time.

A profits warning also left **Swallowfield** 30p down at 123½p. The group which supplies cosmetics to Marks & Spencer, says that weak consumer demand would hit sales, margins and profits.

Devro International continues to reel from Wednesday's profits warning with the shares shedding a further 36p at 331½p. **Kenwood Appliances**, which rocked the City with a profits warning recently, rallied 14p to 110p as several directors took advantage of the low share price. David Nash, *chairman*, has bought 20,000 shares at 107p, while Colin Gordon, chief executive, has also bought *20,000 shares at 109p.*

AIM-listed **Jasmin** retreated 4½p to 200½p as John Michaelis, a director, and his *wife sold 9,750 shares*, less than 1 per cent, in the wake of last month's results.

Tradepoint Financial Services, the rival to the London Stock Exchange, took a big step forward in its expansion programme winning permission from the US Securities and Exchange Commission to be exempt from registering as a National Securities Exchange. This will enable US fund managers and brokers to deal direct with Tradepoint. *The shares celebrated with a* rise of 6p to 26½p.

News of a bid approach lifted **Banner Homes** 17p to 156p. The housebuilder made the announcement in response to the *sharp* rise in its share price. The group is capitalised at £24.4 million.

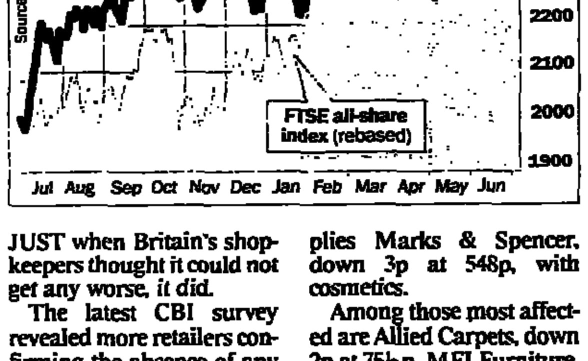
The rights issue flop left **Old English Pubs** nursing a deficit of 15½p at 300½p. Only 46 per cent of the new shares were taken up at 330p and the rest have been left with the underwriters.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Foreign buyers continued to take advantage *of the bond market's* safe-haven status. Many of them came from the Far East seemingly worried by Japan's *decision to take out a massive* bridging loan in order to prop up its ailing economy.

Prices were also supported by *the subdued distributive* trades survey from the CBI recording a further slowdown in spending in the shops.

In the futures pit, the September series of the long gilt finished £0.14 higher at £108.89 as 56,000 contracts were completed. *The* five-year future was 0.08 up at £103.05 as 270 contracts were completed. Among conventional issues, Treasury 8 per cent 2021 put on £9/32 at £131 1/32 while at the shorter end Treasury 7 per cent 2002 was a couple of ticks better at £101 27/32.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Wall Street drifted lower in early trading led by weakness in technology shares. At midday the Dow Jones industrial average was down 10.21 points at 9,038.46.



JUST when Britain's shopkeepers thought it could not get any worse, *it did.*

The latest CBI survey revealed more retailers confirming the absence of any sales increase during June. Worst hit areas were carpets and furnishings.

But Joan D'Olier at BT Alex.Brown, the broker, fears other sectors are suffering: "Clothing has been finding it tough because of the weather. June has been dismal".

Analysts say another key indicator was yesterday's profits warning from Swallowfield which supplies Marks & Spencer, down 3p at 548p, with cosmetics.

Among those most affected are Allied Carpets, down 2p at 75½p, MFI Furniture, 1p cheaper at 63½p and Kingfisher, 6p lower at 959p. Carpetright, which reported lower profits last week, was steady at 261½p.

Most of these companies have already suffered profit warnings, or downgradings.

"Coming up to the half year reporting season, we may see brokers making further profit downgrades", D'Olier adds.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):

Dow Jones	9038.46 (-10.21)
S&P Composite	1146.11 (-2.45)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Average	16471.55 (+108.69)

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	8866.16 (+323.06)

Amsterdam:

AEX Index	1229.04 (+7.50)

Sydney:

AO	2742.7 (+43.3)

Frankfurt:

DAX	5904.10 (-2.75)

Singapore:

Straits	1124.87 (+29.77)

Brussels:

General	21495.03 (+185.24)

Paris:

CAC-40	4252.09 (-8.59)

Zurich:

SKA Gen	1672.80 (+2.20)

London:

FT 30	3872.8 (+31.6)
FTSE 100	5960.2 (+40.3)
FTSE 250	5558.3 (+23.4)
FTSE 350	2867.3 (+18.0)
FTSE Eurotop 100	2958.75 (+17.47)
FTSE All-Share	2793.85 (+16.64)
FTSE Non Financials	2561.33 (+23.94)
FTSE Fixed Interest	144.35 (+0.23)
FTSE Govt Secs	105.36 (+0.19)
Bargains	65265
SEAQ Volume	1066.6m
US$	1.6580 (-0.0013)
German Mark	3.0204 (+0.0033)
Exchange Index	107.3 (+0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.5277
£:SDR	1.2475
RPI	163.5 May (4.2%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	161.3 May (3.2%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

ATA Group	152½	...
AdVal Group	67½	...
Advance Dev Mkts	103	...
Anglo Siberian Oil	107½	...
Biocmptis Warrants	22	...
British Regional Air	163½	...
CCM Distribution	11½	...
City Gourmets	65	- 1
Dresdner RCM End	98	...
Dresdner RCM Inc	99	- 1
Dresdner RCM Zero	100¼	+ ¼
ECsoft Group	1987½	+ 50
Game	208	...
Goldshield	218½	...
HW Group	132½	- 2½
INVESCO Cntl Smr Cs	93¼	+ ¼
ITNET (350)	437	+ 3
Interior Services	135	...
JSB Software Techs	228	...
Murray Financial	11¼	...
New Look Group	149	- 1
Quantica	148½	...
Tricorder Tech	99½	- 1

RIGHTS ISSUES

LEPCO n/p (40)	2	...
Martin Intl n/p (36)	2	...
Omnimedia n/p (60)	24½	- ½

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Kenwood App	110p (+14p)
Jardine Math	181p (+15½p)
Rolfe & Nolan	310p (+25p)
Cable & Wireless	790p (+43p)
Peptide Thera	240p (+12p)
Orange	680p (+33p)
Securicor	511p (+21p)
Henlys	550p (+22½p)
BOC	865p (+35p)
Prism Rail	460p (+15p)

FALLS:

Swallowfield	123½p (-30p)
Abacus Recruit	260p (-32½p)
Photobition	264p (-11p)
Wagon Ind	330½p (-13p)
Laporte	702½p (-26p)
Hays	950p (-35p)
Stand Chart	704p (-19p)

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TEMPUS

Hanging on to telephones

IT HAS become fashionable to refer to British Telecommunications in sorrowful terms. The way WorldCom, the US telecoms operator, *gazumped BT on the MCI deal was rather* embarrassing. Moreover it meant that BT missed a great opportunity to play big time in America, the world's most important market for telephony.

More shakes of the head accompany observations about aggressive cable companies taking chunks out of BT's core business in UK fixed-line telephones and that on the cellular side, its part-owned Cellnet network is something of a poor relation to the likes of Vodafone, One-2-One and Orange. BT's regulated status is hardly heart warming.

But despite the negative vibes shareholders have enjoyed a rare old time. In the past year BT shares have risen from 450p to 765p. Yesterday, they rose another 20p. In the last month they have put on 135p, or 21 per cent, and now trade at an all-time high.

The very recent surge comes thanks to a burst of enthusiasm for BT's European strategy and on the back of hopes of a link with AT&T of the US. But further confidence *can be drawn from the fact that BT does have* a solid, cash-generative business in the UK. It may be mature and even threatened but it is proven, and that is more than can be said for the operations of some *BT's racier rivals.*

The recent surge in the BT share price does no more than close the rating gap with blue chip peers. That is rational and while future share price advances may be more modest there is every reason to expect growth. Also, in times like these BT's defensive qualities should not be forgotten. Worth having.

Sema Group

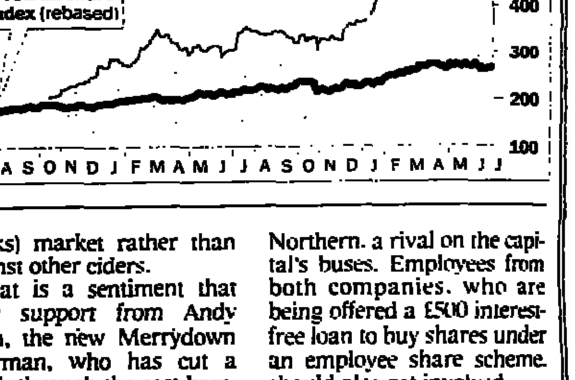
THERE are many factors behind the story of Sema Group's phenomenal share price performance. If you had bought shares in the Anglo-French computer consultancy five years ago, you would have made nearly ten times your money.

Why? Because the technology sector has grown disproportionately to the rest of the economy *in Europe. Because* of the glut of business created by the millennium bug and onset of European Monetary *Union. Because Sema is particularly good at* outsourcing. And because two French companies owned *nearly half* Sema's shares, giving them a scarcity value.

It is often true that giving institutional investors a few shares in a sought-after company only whets their appetite for more. Yesterday, Sema's scarcity value eased as Paribas sold an 8.3 per cent stake.

Yet with France Telecom determined to hold on to its stake, Sema shares will continue to be tightly held. And although the growth in the technology sector may subside once we are through the millennium, Sema looks set to continue as a strong performer.

But do the shares merit the astronomic rating? A lot depends on whether Sema enters the FTSE 100 the next *time the index is redrawn in* September. Although it is tempting to take profits now, it is better to wait to see if *Sema receives another fillip* from index membership.



Cider

DECLINING profits are not *usually cause for cheer in* Britain's boardrooms, but the new top teams at Bulmer and Merrydown, the cider-*makers, were remarkably* confident and relaxed yesterday in the face of grim full-year results.

Although the figures paint a troubled picture — Matthew Clark is expected to fare little better next week — *Bulmer and Merrydown* believe past management failings are largely to blame and that the cider market has *a future as robust as a glass* of homemade scrumpy.

Mike Hughes, the new Bulmer chief executive, *thinks the key to to prosperity* is to abandon the pursuit of market share. His view is that today's consumer buys a brand *rather than* a category of drink, and in future Bulmer will measure its Strongbow and Scrumpy *Jack brands against the entire* LAD (long alcoholic drinks) market rather than against other ciders.

That is a sentiment that *finds support from* Andy Nash, the new Merrydown chairman, who has cut a swath through the cost base, *successfully steered through* a financial reconstruction and is now focusing on just two brands, Merrydown and *Shloër. Both companies are* now pumping millions into promoting their brands and talk confidently of a rosy *future.*

It is still early days, and there is no doubt that the market remains fiercely com*petitive, but investors with a* nose for recovery stocks may consider Merrydown and Bulmer have the makings of *a potent brew.*

Metroline

SHAREHOLDERS *in this* London bus operator ought to have few qualms about subscribing to the rights issue *launched yesterday to fund* the acquisition of London Northern, a rival on the capital's buses. Employees from both companies, who are being offered a £500 interest-free loan to buy shares under an employee share scheme, should also get involved.

There is *nothing* guaranteed, of course. But partaking in industry restructurings, such as the one continuing in *buses and trains*, is usually a recipe for investment success. Also, the Government's transport review may not be *as hard hitting as some may* hope, but the wind is blowing behind firms like Metroline.

The big challenge for man*agement will be to control* debt and deliver profits from synergies that London North, on it own, has struggled to *find. The deal will give the* Metroline about 14 per cent of the London bus market, comfortably short of the 25 *per cent point when it could* attract monopolies worries, but enough to make it a serious player.

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

Jul	1056-1047	Sep	1188-1183
Sep	1086-1085	Dec	1200-1190
Dec	1114-1113	Mar	1223-1216
Mar	1137-1136	unq	
May	1153-1152		
Jul	1171-1166		Volume: 6977

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	1543-1537	Mar	1584-1577
Sep	1573-1572	May	1587-15776
Nov	1577-1575	Jul	unq
Jan	1577 BID		Volume: 5122

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	254.0-53.0
Spot: 258.0		May	256.5-54.6
Aug	255.3-55.0	Aug	260.5-57.5
Oct	249.5-49.2	Oct	261.0-56.5
Dec	250.0-49.6		Volume: 905

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on July 1

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	60.13	112.10	89.95
(+/-)	-3.60	-4.75	-1.76
Eng/Wales:	60.13	112.17	88.79
(+/-)	-3.60	-4.49	-1.50
(%)	+17.0	+5.0	+14.0
Scotland:	unq	111.74	97.99
(+/-)	..	-6.34	-0.52
(%)	..	+21.0	-21.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	12.00	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Aug)	13.60	+0.35
Brent 15 day (Sep)	14.05	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	14.45	+0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	14.90	+0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	159 (+1)	162 (+1)
Gasoil EEC	116 (+6)	118 (+6)
3.5 Fuel Oil	63 (n/c)	65 (n/c)
Naphtha	119 (n/c)	122 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Jul	117.25-17.50	Oct	130.00-30.25
Aug	122.00-22.25	Nov	133.00-33.25
Sep	126.00-26.25		Vol: 21681

BRENT (6.00pm)

Aug	13.58-13.60	Nov	14.52 BID
Sep	14.00-14.03	Dec	14.71-14.74
Oct	14.34-14.37		Vol: 47669

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

LIFFE WHEAT (close £/t)

Jul	75.75
Sep	70.90
Nov	72.90
Jan	74.90
Mar	76.90
	Volume: 330

LIFFE BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	69.50
Nov	72.25
Jan	74.25
Mar	76.25
May	77.75
	Volume: 22

LIFFE POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	80.0
Mar		110.0
Apr	160.0	158.0
		Volume: 126

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Aug 48.00-48.50

LIFFE BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jul 98	820	810	820
Aug 98	unq	—	835
Sep 98	855	855	865
Oct 98	930	915	930

Vol: 545 lots Open Interest: 1732 Index 844 -5

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1594.0-1595.0	1608.0-1609.0	1673500
Lead ($/tonne)	553.00-554.00	545.00-545.50	323300
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	995.00-996.00	1020.0-1021.0	548600
Tin ($/tonne)	5595.0-5605.0	5465.0-5470.0	19760
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1268.0-1268.5	1296.0-1297.0	2019400
Nickel ($/tonne)	4240.0-4245.0	4285.0-4295.0	132852

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
ASDA	200	7	17	25½	4	13	18
(*204½)	220	½	8½	16½	16½	24½	29½
Abbey Nat	1050	40½	85	131½	13½	59	79
(*1074)	1100	15	70	105½	39	84	103½
Allied Lec	800	22½	74½	98½	30½	54	67
(*801)	850	6	51½	75	54½	81	93
Alld Dom	550	17½	42	54½	5	20½	34
(*562½)	600	1	19	31½	38½	48½	62
BAA	650	17½	50	65½	11½	32½	43½
(*650½)	700	2	27½	43	49½	61	71
BAT Ind	600	22	54½	73	9	36½	49
(*614)	650	3½	34	50½	39	65½	76½
Barclays	1700	58	139½	194½	19	90½	115
(*1735)	1800	14	92½	144½	75	143½	166
Bass	1150	29	89	109	27½	61½	82½
(*1152½)	1200	10½	65	85½	59	88	109½
Boots	1000	22½	79½	106½	22	57	75
(*1001½)	1050	7	58	83	53½	82	101
Br Airways	650	27	67	84	11	37	49
(*670)	700	7	44	61	41	64	75
BP	900	27	71½	99½	17½	53	66½
(*908)	950	8½	50½	76½	49	87	93
Br Steel	130	10½	17	21	1½	6	9½
(*139½)	140	3½	12	16	5½	11	14½
C&W	750	52	89½	118	8½	38½	54
(*789)	800	21½	64	98	27½	63	79
CU	1100	65	120	152½	12	63½	76
(*1147½)	1150	32	95	127½	31½	88½	100
GlaxoW	1800	56	150	220½	34	119	149
(*1819½)	1900	17½	113½	171½	95	173½	200½
HSBC	1500	87½	174	230½	18½	98	126½
(*1566)	1600	33½	125½	182½	63½	148½	178
Halifax	750	51½	94½	113½	5	33	39½
(*793)	800	20	66½	86½	22	54	60
ICI	950	48	90½	120½	6½	45½	56½
(*986)	1000	20	65	95	28	69	80½
Land Sec	900	37½	82½	104½	6½	28	42½
(*929)	950	9½	56	78	29	50½	64½
M&S	550	12	37½	54½	12	28	38½
(*550)	600	1	18	33	50½	57	64½
Natl Pwr	550	27	61	75	7½	27	38½
(*568½)	600	4½	37½	51½	34	51	64
Nat West	1100	28	80	120	24	70	93
(*1102½)	1150	9½	58½	96	56	98½	119½
Reed Intl	500	50	71	84	2	19	22½
(*548)	550	13	43	56½	16½	40½	44
Reuters	645	46	78	—	3½	28	—
(*685½)	703	12½	47½	—	29½	55½	—
Ryl&Sun	600	42½	76	94	4	30½	39
(*637½)	650	12	50½	69½	23½	54½	63½
Safeway	390	12½	33½	44	7	21½	27
(*396½)	420	2	20½	32	26	38	43
Sainsbury	550	16	45½	62	13	34½	42½
(*552½)	600	2	25½	41	48½	61½	71
Shell	420	14	32	43½	6	19½	25½
(*428)	460	1½	14½	25½	33	42	48
Smkl Bch	700	51	94	117	7	38½	53½
(*746)	750	18½	68	93	25½	61	78
Stn Chtr	700	27	84½	109	20	70½	84
(*706)	750	9	62½	86	51½	98½	111
Thames W	1050	27	73½	94½	27	55½	67
(*1066)	1100	7	53½	72½	63	85	95
Vodafone	800	60	110½	137	7	44	58½
(*822)	850	27	83½	112½	28	67	81
Woolwich	324	16½	37½	—	5	18½	—
(*334)	354	4	23½	—	23	34½	—
Zeneca	2500	112½	245	326½	25	120	162
(*2586)	2600	51½	194	276	65½	168	210
(*689)	700	32	57	78½	33	53	62½
Redland	330	15½	—	—	15½	—	—
(*345)	360	½	—	—	15½	—	—
R-Royce	260	14½	25½	33	12½	20½	25½
(*261½)	280	7½	17½	24½	24½	32	36
Tesco	550	53½	71	86½	11½	23½	32
(*586½)	600	25	46½	62½	32½	48	55½
Utd Bisc	240	14½	21	27	6½	12½	17
(*242)	260	6	12½	18	19½	23½	27½

	Series	Calls Aug	Nov	Feb	Puts Aug	Nov	Feb
BTR	152	27	32½	—	2	6½	—
(*176)	177	11½	18½	—	10½	17	—
Blue Circ	330	34	46	54	6	17	21
(*349½)	360	16½	30½	38½	18	31	35½
Br Aero	475	35½	56	—	18½	34	—
(*488½)	500	23½	44	58½	31	47	53½
Br Telcm	750	47	78	93	27½	47	62
(*756½)	800	23½	53	69½	56	73½	88
Cadbury	850	58	89	118	28	49½	61½
(*867½)	1000	34	63	90	54	74½	86
Carlton Cms	500	51½	67½	84	11	24½	28
(*538)	550	21	43	58½	32½	46½	51½
Diageo	671	79½	—	—	12½	—	—
(*728)	729	42	—	—	35½	—	—
Energy Gp	800	42	46	—	—	—	—
(*840)	850	½	3½	—	10½	10½	—
Gallaher	330	27½	34	40½	9½	18	22
(*346)	360	14	20	26½	22½	34½	38
GEC	500	53½	70½	85	10½	24	32½
(*536)	550	24	44½	59½	32	47	56½
Hanson	360	21½	34	43½	11	20½	24½
(*365)	390	7½	18½	27½	28½	36	39
Imp Tob	460	27	42	50	11	20½	31
(*477½)	500	10	23½	31½	34½	42½	53
Kingfshr	950	50½	84	112½	38	80½	71
(*955)	1000	28½	61	88	64½	87½	96½
Lasmo	240	17	26½	34½	9½	14	17
(*243½)	260	9	19	25	20	24½	27½
Ladbroke	300	32½	42	49	8	16½	22½
(*324½)	330	14½	27	34½	22	30½	37½
LucasVar	240	17	25½	32½	8	15	19½
(*249)	260	8	16½	23	19	25½	30
P&O	850	56	76	98	14½	33	42½
(*890)	900	27½	49½	71	36½	57	66
Prudentl	800	45	74	104½	40	61½	76½
(*801)	850	24	52½	81½	69½	89½	103½
Rio Tinto	650	62	83	103	14	30	38½

	Series	Calls Sep	Dec	Mar	Puts Sep	Dec	Mar
BG	330	42½	53	61½	8½	13	18
(*363)	360	23½	35½	46	17½	25½	31
BSkyB	420	34	48½	56	14	22	28½
(*438½)	460	15	30½	37	35	42½	49½
Br Bio	25	9	10½	12½	3	4½	5
(*29½)	30	7	9	11	5½	7	8
Centrica	100	9½	13	17½	6	6	7½
(*102½)	110	5	8½	12½	11½	11½	13
Dixons	500	32	51½	63	22½	32½	39½
(*509½)	550	14	31	41½	53½	61	68
EMI	500	45½	62½	77	26	40½	51
(*518)	550	23½	41	55½	55	68½	78½
Granada	1100	62½	95½	115	49½	67	83
(*1101½)	1150	41	71	91	78	93½	109
GUS	800	52½	74½	90½	33½	51	61
(*813½)	850	29½	51½	67½	61½	78½	88½
Lloyds TSB	850	67	98½	120	47	66½	84
(*862½)	900	44½	74	96	74½	92½	108½
Lonrho	288	24½	—	—	12½	—	—
(*298)	321	11	—	—	32½	—	—
Norwich	420	46	60½	73½	15	23½	30½
(*445½)	460	24½	41	54½	33½	43	50
Orange	650	87	113	128	33	50½	58½
(*682½)	700	60	88½	104½	57	75½	84
Railtrck	1450	99	156	194	88	121½	162
(*1458½)	1500	78½	131½	170	114½	147½	188
Scot Pwr	500	58½	78	86½	18	26	36
(*535½)	550	34	51½	62½	40	49½	60½
Tarmac	100	11½	13½	16	3	5	6½
(*107)	110	6	8½	11½	7½	10	11½
Tomkins	330	18½	27	34	16½	21	24½
(*336)	360	7½	15½	21	36	39½	42½
Unilever	650	53	71½	89	25½	37½	46½
(*671)	700	30	47½	64	53	62½	71½

July 2 Total: 44993 Calls: 24038 Puts: 20955

FTSE INDEX (*5977)

Strike	Calls Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Dec	Puts Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Dec
5800	235½	331	400	458½	579	32½	109½	157	191	233
5850	196½	293½	365½	424½	—	43	122	173½	206½	—
5900	160	262½	334	390½	514½	57	140½	192½	222½	270½
5950	126½	232	302½	360	—	73½	160½	211½	242½	—
6000	98	202	271	334	446½	95½	180½	230	265½	309½
6050	72½	171½	239½	308	—	121½	202	249½	288½	—
6100	52	149½	213	282	381½	152½	230	276	312½	351½
6150	36	127½	189½	256½	—	188½	250	302	337	—

July 2 Total: 3027 Calls: 1785 Puts: 1242 *Underlying security price

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
Long Gilt	Sep 98	108.77	109.05	108.72	108.89	56609
Previous open interest 128847	Dec 98				109.11	0
German Govt Bond (Bund)	Sep 98	108.43	108.77	108.43	108.71	13874
Previous open interest 72916	Dec 98				108.09	0
Five Year Gilt	Sep 98	103.05	103.08	103.04	103.05	270
Previous open interest 3375	Dec 98					0
Italian Govt Bond (BTP)	Sep 98	120.42	120.90	120.40	120.79	46973
Previous open interest 95932	Dec 98				107.09	0
Japanese Govt Bond (JGB)	Sep 98	133.02	133.04	132.72	132.98	3896
	Dec 98	132.53	132.53	132.53	132.75	50
Three Mth Sterling	Sep 98	92.120	92.130	92.100	92.100	29724
	Dec 98	92.170	92.180	92.130	92.140	23165
Previous open interest 981910	Mar 99	92.340	92.350	92.280	92.300	12894
Three Mth Euromark	Sep 98	96.335	96.365	96.335	96.365	73782
Previous open interest 2318028	Dec 98	96.090	96.135	96.090	96.130	66489
Three Mth Eurolira	Sep 98	95.550	95.590	95.530	95.590	36313
Previous open interest 701980	Dec 98	96.020	96.050	96.020	96.050	16717
Three Mth Euroswiss	Sep 98	97.990	98.020	97.930	97.960	14982
Previous open interest 197353	Dec 98	97.830	97.860	97.770	97.800	4951
Three Mth Euro	Sep 98	95.810	95.830	95.800	95.830	932
Previous open interest 32191	Dec 98	96.075	96.075	96.075	96.080	50
FTSE 100	Sep 98	6015.0	6062.0	5999.0	6047.0	20655
Previous open interest 159564	Dec 98	6137.0	6137.0	6102.0	6143.0	856

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 7½ Finance Hse 8

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 9 Low 7¼ Week fixed: 7½

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 7½; 3 mth 7½. Sell: 2 mth 7½; 3 mth: 7½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	7½-7⅜	7½-7⅜	7⅝-7½	7½-7⅜	
Sterling Money Rates: Interbank:	7[illegible]-7[illegible]	7[illegible]-7[illegible]	7[illegible]-7⅜	7⅝-7[illegible]	7[illegible]-7[illegible]
	7[illegible]-7[illegible]	7[illegible]-7[illegible]	7[illegible]-7½	7⅝-7[illegible]	7[illegible]-7[illegible]

Overnight: open 7⅛, close 9.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	7½	n/a	7⅝	7[illegible]	7¾
Sterling CDs:	7[illegible]-7[illegible]	7[illegible]-7[illegible]	7[illegible]-7[illegible]	7[illegible]-7[illegible]	7[illegible]-7[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	5.56	n/a	5.58	5.62	5.72
Building Society CDs:	7[illegible]-7[illegible]	7[illegible]-7[illegible]	7[illegible]-7¾	7[illegible]-7[illegible]	7[illegible]-7[illegible]

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅝-5½	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5⅝-5½	5⅝-4¾
Deutschemark:	3½-2[illegible]	3½-3¼	3½-3⅜	3½-3⅜	4-3
French Franc:	3½-3⅜	3⅝-3⅜	3½-3⅜	3½-3⅜	3½-2½
Swiss Franc:	2-1¾	2-1¾	2-1¾	2¼-1[illegible]	2¼-1¾
Yen:	½-¼	½-¼	½-¼	½-¼	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $295.80-296.10 Close: $294.00-294.50 High: $295.75-296.25

Low: $294.00-294.50 AM: $295.75 PM: $294.05

Krugerrand: $295.00-297.00 (£177.50-179.50)

Platinum: $365.00 (£220.25) Silver: $5.305 (£3.195) Palladium: $295.00 (£178.0)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for July 2	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.4018-3.4140	3.4046-3.4078	1¼-1⅛pr	3⅝-3¼pr
Brussels	62.230-62.500	62.263-62.382	24-19pr	67-60pr
Copenhagen	11.494-11.538	11.505-11.514	¼-⅛pr	1⅛-⅝pr
Dublin	1.1964-1.2044	1.1979-1.2030	16-9pr	51-41pr
Frankfurt	3.0175-3.0288	3.0202-3.0230	1¼-1pr	3¼-3pr
Lisbon	308.79-309.96	309.17-309.54	¾-½pr	2½-2¼pr
Madrid	256.09-257.08	256.27-256.48	76-65pr	224-206pr
Milan	2974.4-2978.7	2974.4-2978.7	74-58pr	217-194pr
Montreal	2.4253-2.4335	2.4305-2.4335	0.61-0.55pr	1.22-1.13pr
New York	1.6558-1.6634	1.6578-1.6588	0.288-0.267pr	0.873-0.842pr
Oslo	12.852-12.898	12.890-12.898	¼-⅛pr	¼-⅛pr
Paris	10.115-10.153	10.115-10.127	⅜-¼pr	1¼-1pr
Stockholm	13.381-13.434	13.416-13.433	¼-⅛pr	1¼-1⅛pr
Tokyo	231.28-234.18	233.91-234.18	1½-1⅛pr	4¼-4⅛pr
Vienna	21.227-21.312	21.347-21.269	⅜-¼pr	2¼-1⅞pr
Zurich	2.5363-2.5418	2.5384-2.5418	1½-1⅛pr	3¾-3⅝pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.6326-1.6339
Austria	12.82-12.83
Belgium (Com)	37.60-37.64
Canada	1.4668-1.46735
Denmark	6.9479-6.9499
France	6.1135-6.1155
Germany	1.8233-1.8243
Hong Kong	7.7485-7.7495
Ireland	1.3801-1.3821
Italy	1795.80-1797.30
Japan	141.00-141.10
Malaysia	4.1900-4.2000
Netherlands	2.0557-2.0562
Norway	7.7801-7.7851
Portugal	186.65-186.75
Singapore	1.7045-1.7065
Spain	154.85-154.88
Sweden	8.0993-8.1043
Switzerland	1.5312-1.5322

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6564-1.6593
Australia dollar	2.7027-2.7065
Bahrain dinar	0.6180-0.6340
Brazil real*	1.9144-1.9171
China yuan	13.609-13.914
Cyprus pound	0.8680-0.8890
Finland markka	9.1050-9.2490
Greece drachma	502.25-513.65
Hong Kong dollar	12.8269-12.8363
India rupee	69.46-71.26
Indonesia rupiah	n/a
Kuwait dinar KD	0.5030-0.5160
Malaysia ringgit	6.9361-6.9561
New Zealand dollar	3.2256-3.2320
Pakistan rupee	75.00 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.9775-6.1115
Singapore dollar	2.8216-2.8266
S Africa rand (com)	10.022-10.225
U.A.E dirham	6.0300-6.1670

*Barclays Treasury * Lloyds Bank*

FTSE VOLUMES

3i	1,237	Lloyds TSB	10,706
ASDA Gp	8,629	LucasVarity	3,748
Abbey Ntl	1,187	Marks Spr	4,433
Allied Dom	9,934	Nat Grid	6,248
Allnce & Leic	558	Nat Power	4,257
Anvescap	3,076	NatWst Bk	3,623
AB Foods	1,912	Norwich Un	5,519
Bk of Scot	3,484	Nycmd Amr	1,705
BAA	3,563	Orange	3,962
Barclays	5,284	P & O	5,134
Bass	2,555	Pearson	2,243
BAT Inds	8,308	PowerGen	2,017
BG	22,867	Prudential	6,013
Billiton	7,880	Railtrack	3,552
Blue Circle	5,929	Rank Group	1,828
BOC	1,353	Reckitt Col	1,389
Boots	2,105	Reed Intl	5,251
BAe	5,112	Rentokil	6,183
BA	4,018	Reuters	7,652
Brit Energy	4,481	Rio Tinto	5,851
Br Land	1,929	RMC	1,104
BP	8,621	Rolls Royce	3,311
Brit Steel	9,318	Ryl & Sun	10,358
BSkyB	4,041	Royal Bk Sct	2,616
BT	11,068	Safeway	2,544
BTR	16,676	Sainsbury	4,768
CGU	5,150	Schroders	108
Cable Wire	9,054	Scot & New	1,566
Cadbury	2,057	Scot Power	5,375
Carlton Cms	3,183	Svrn Trent	790
Centrica	13,427	Shell Trans	11,264
Compass Gp	3,952	Siebe	1,083
Diageo	7,287	Smiths Ind	588
EMI	1,974	SmKl Bch	15,584
Emerpr Oil	849	Stagecoach	858
Gen Elec	7,002	Std Chartd	1,842
GKN	4,671	Sun Life	347
Glaxo Well	4,715	Tesco	9,499
Granada	1,354	Thames W	7,335
GUS	2,340	Tomkins	2,874
GRE	1,666	Unilever	9,058
Hays	1,371	Utd News	1,533
ICI	3,760	Utd Utilities	1,926
Kingfisher	4,196	Vodafone	24,461
HSBC	2,959	WPP	4,191
Halifax	3,540	Whitbread	1,036
Ladbroke	3,193	Williams	3,190
Land Secs	4,904	Woolwich	1,559
LASMO	2,908	Zeneca	1,379
Legal & Gn	1,692		

WALL STREET

	Jul 2 midday	Jul 1 close
AMP Inc	34¼	34¾
AMR Corp	84⅞	84¼
AT & T	54⅞	56¼
Abbott Labs	41¾	41⅛
Advanced Micro	16⅞	16¼
Aetna Life	78⅛	77½
Ahmanson (HF)	72⅛	72⅛
Air Prod & Chem	37½	38¼
AirTouch Comm	60⅞	59⅛
Albertson's	51⅞	51⅞
Alcan Alumnm	27¼	27¼
Allied Signal	44	43¾
Alum Co of Am	66⅞	67
Amerada Hess	55⅛	55¾
AEP	45⅞	45⅞
Amer Express	111⅞	112
Amer Genl Corp	71¾	70⅞
Amer Home Pr	51¾	51⅞
Amer Intl	145¼	146⅛
Amer Online	108¼	111
Amer Stores	23⅞	24⅛
Amer Standard	45¼	45
Ameritech	44¼	44⅞
Amgen	65⅛	65¾
Amoco	43⅛	42⅞
Andrew Corp	18	18¼
Anheuser-Busch	48¾	48
Apple Computer	29¼	29⅞
Archer Daniels	19⅛	19⅞
Armco	6⅛	6⅛
Armstrng Wrld	67⅞	67⅞
Asarco	22¼	22⅛
Atl Richfield	81¾	80⅛
Atmel Corp	13¼	13¼
Auto Data Pro	73¾	73¼
Avery Dennison	54¼	55
Avon Products	78¼	78¼
Baker Hughes	34¼	34
Baltim Gas & El	31¼	31⅛
Banc One	56⅞	56¼
BankAmerica	91⅛	90⅛
Bank of NY	63¼	63⅛
Bankers Tr Crp	117¼	117¼
Bausch & Lomb	49⅛	50¼
Baxter Intl	54¼	54¼
Bectn Dicknsn	82¼	79¼
Bell Atlantic	46¼	46⅛
BellSouth	67⅛	66⅞
Best Foods	58⅛	58¼
Black & Decker	61¼	62¼
Block (H&R)	42⅞	43
Boeing	48¼	47⅛
Boise Cascade	33¾	33⅛
Boston Scien	72¾	72½
Bristol Myrs Sq	117¼	116⅞
Browning Ferris	36½	36
Brunswick	24¾	24⅞
Burlington Nthn	100⅛	100¼
CMS Energy Corp	44⅛	44⅛
CSX	45¼	45⅛
CBS Corp	33¼	33⅞
Campbell Soup	52¾	53½
Carolina Pwr	43¼	43⅞
Case Corp	47⅛	47⅛
Caterpillar	53½	53⅞
Central & SW	27	27
Champion Intl	49¼	49⅛
Chase Manhat	75½	75¼
Chevron Corp	85¼	84⅞
Chrysler	57¼	57⅛
Chubb Corp	81¼	82⅛
Cigna Corp	70⅛	70½
Citicorp	157½	155¼
Clorox	96¼	98¼
Conseco Corp	35¼	64⅞
Coca Cola	85⅛	85¼
Coca Cola Ent	39⅛	39⅛
Colgate-Palm	88¼	88¼
Columbia Energy	55½	55½
ColumbiaHCA	29¼	30⅛
Compaq Comp	28⅛	29⅛
Comp Ass Int	57½	58¼
Conagra	28¼	28⅛
Cons Edison	45¼	45⅞
Cons Nat Gas	57⅞	58⅛
Cooper Inds	56¼	56¼
Corning Inc	34⅞	34⅛
C'wide Credit	52⅞	52⅛
Crestar Finl	55¼	55⅛
Crown Cork	47½	48⅛
Daimler Bz ADR	98⅛	97⅞
Dana Corp	53¼	54⅛
Dayton Hudson	50¼	50
Deere	51¼	52⅛
Dell Computer	92¼	93⅞
Delta Air Lines	131⅛	131⅛
Deluxe Corp	36½	37⅛
Dillard Dept St	41¼	42⅛
Disney (Walt)	105¼	106¼
Dominion Res	40⅞	41¾
Donelley (RR)	47⅛	46⅞
Donnelly (RH)	3¼	3¾
Dover Corp	34¾	34⅞
Dow Chemical	96¼	97
Dow Jones	55⅞	56⅛
Dresser	44¼	42¼
Duke Energy	59¼	59⅛
Du Pont	76⅞	77
Eastman Chem	61⅞	61¼
Eastman Kodak	72⅞	73⅛
Eaton Corp	78⅛	78¼
Edison Intl	29¼	29¼
Elect Data Sys	38⅞	38¼
Emerson Elec	60¼	60¼
Engelhard Corp	19⅞	20¼
Enron Corp	54¼	54
Entergy	28¼	28¼
Ethyl Corp	6⅛	6¼
Exxon	73¼	72⅞
FDX Holding	62¼	62⅞
FMC Corp	68⅛	68¼
FPL Group	63	63¼
Fifth Third Banc	62¼	63¼
Fleet Finl Grp	84⅛	84⅞
Fluor Corp	50⅛	50⅞
Ford Motor	57¼	58¾
Fort James	44¼	44¼
Fortune Brands	39⅛	39
Franklin Res	52½	53½
GTE Corp	55¼	56¼
Gannett	73¾	73⅛
Gap Inc Del	63¼	62⅞
Gateway 2000	53⅛	54
Gen Dynamics	46⅛	46¼
Gen Electric	90⅞	91⅛
Gen Mills	67½	67⅞
Gen Motors	68¼	68¼
Gen Reinsurance	255⅞	255¼
Gen Signal	36¼	36¼
Genuine Parts	34⅛	34⅛
Georgia Pac	59⅞	60
Gillette	58⅞	57⅞
Glaxo Welc ADR	60⅛	60
Goodrich (BF)	48¼	49⅞
Goodyear Tire	64⅛	64⅛
Great Lakes	39¼	39¼
Halliburton	45½	44½
Harcourt General	60⅛	60⅛
Heinz (HJ)	55⅞	56
Hercules	40⅛	41⅛
Hershey Foods	70½	70¼
Hewlett Packard	57⅞	58⅛
Hilton Hotels	28⅛	28⅞
Home Depot	85⅛	85
Homestake Mng	9¼	10⅛
Honeywell	84	84¼
Household Intl	51	51⅛
Houston Inds	30¼	30⅞
Humana	31½	32⅛
Ikon Office	13¼	14¼
Illinois Tool	67⅞	68⅛
Illinova	30⅛	30⅞
INCO	13½	14¼
Ingersoll Rand	43⅛	44¼
Inland Steel	28⅞	28¼
Intel Corp	73⅞	75⅛
IBM	116⅛	116⅞
Intl Flav & Fr	43⅞	43⅞
Intl Paper	43	43⅛
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	74¼	73½
Kellogg	37¼	37½
Kerr-McGee	60⅛	59⅛
Kimberly-Clark	46⅞	47
Kmart	19⅛	19¼
Knight-Ridder	56⅛	56⅛
Lilly (Eli)	65¾	64⅛
Limited Inc	33¼	33½
Lincoln Nat	93¼	93⅛
Litton	60⅛	60¼
Liz Claiborne	53⅛	54⅛
Lockheed Martin	104¼	104
Louisiana Pac	18¼	18¼
Lucent Tech	83⅞	84⅛
MCI Comm	60¼	59⅞
Manpower Inc	27⅛	28
Marketspan Cp	30⅛	30⅛
Marriott Int A	32⅛	32¼
Marsh & McLnn	60¼	60⅛
Masco Corp	61½	61⅞
May Dept St	65⅞	66¼
Maytag Corp	50	50¼
McDonalds	71¼	71½
McGraw Hill	81¾	81⅛
Mead Corp	31½	32
MediaOne Group	44¾	44½
Medirust Corp	26¼	26⅞
Medtronic	63⅞	65⅛
Mellon Bk	70⅛	70
Merck Inc	132¼	133¼
Merrill Lynch	97½	96⅛
Microsoft	108¼	109¼
Minnesota Mine	82¼	83¼
Mirage Resorts	21⅞	22⅛
Mobil Corp	79½	79¼
Monsanto	55⅛	55⅞
Morgan (JP)	117¼	118¼
Motorola Inc	52⅛	52¼
Mylan Labs	32	30⅞
Natl Semi	13¾	13¼
Natl Service Ind	53¼	52¼
Navistar Int	29¼	29¼
NY Times A	79¼	79¼
Newmont Mng	22¾	23
Nike B	51⅞	52⅛
NL Industries	19⅞	20
Nordstrom	38⅛	38½
Norfolk Sthrn	29⅞	29⅞
Nthn State Pwr	28¼	28⅛
Norwest Corp	38	38⅛
Occidental Pet	27	27⅛
Office Depot	33⅞	33¼
Oracle	27⅛	24⅛
Oryx Energy Co	22½	22⅛
Owens Corning	40¼	41¼
PPG Industries	69¼	70
PMI Group	75⅛	74¼
PNC Bank	56⅛	55⅛
PP&L Res	22¼	22¼
Paccar Inc	50½	51¼
Pacificorp	22¼	22⅞
PaineWebber	44¼	43¼
Pall Corp	20⅛	20⅞
Parker Hannifin	38⅛	38½
Peco Energy	29¼	29⅛
Penney (JC)	71	71¼
Pennzoil	51¼	51¼
Pepsico	42⅛	42
Pfizer	107¼	107⅛
Pharm & Upjhn	46⅛	46⅛
Phelps Dodge	56¼	57⅛
Philip Morris	40⅛	40¼
Phillips Pet	49¼	48¼
Pitney Bowes	50¼	50¼
Polaroid	36¼	36⅛
Procter & Gmbl	92⅛	92⅛
Providian	77⅞	78¼
Pub Serv E & G	34⅛	34⅛
Quaker Oats	54⅞	55¼
Ralston Purina	115⅛	116⅛
Raychem Corp	30¼	30¼
Raytheon B	57⅞	58⅛
Reebok Intl	28⅞	29⅛
Reliastar Fin	48¼	49
Reynolds Metals	55⅛	55⅞
Rockwell Intl	49	47⅞
Rohm & Haas	103¼	103⅞
Royal Dutch	55⅛	55⅞
Rubbermaid	34⅛	34¼
SBC Comms	39¼	39⅛
Safeco Corp	47⅞	48⅛
St Paul's Cos	42¼	42⅞
Sara Lee Corp	59	59⅛
Schering Plough	94⅞	93⅞
Schlumberger	68¼	67⅛
Seagram	41⅛	41⅛
Sears Roebuck	61¼	61¼
Shell Trans	42½	42⅛
Sherwin Wlms	33⅛	33¾
Silicon Graphics	12⅛	12⅛
Snap-On-Tools	36¼	36¼
Southern Co	27⅛	27¼
Southtrust	44¼	44¼
Sprint Corp	70¼	71⅛
Stanley Works	40¼	41¾
Starwood H & R	48¼	47½
Sun Company	40⅛	39¼
Sun Microsys	42¼	44⅞
Suntrust	82¼	83⅛
Supervalu	43¼	44¾
Synovus Fin	24¼	24⅛
Sysco Corp	25½	25¼
TRW Inc	55¾	55⅞
TIG Hldgs	23½	23¼
Tandy Corp	52¾	52¼
Temple Inland	57½	54¾
Tenet Healthcare	30¼	31¼
Tenneco	37⅛	37⅛
Texaco	60⅞	60¼
Texas Inst	59¼	60
Texas Utilities	41¼	41¼
Textron	72⅞	73¼
Thermo Elect	34⅛	35¼
Time Warner	86⅛	86⅛
Times-Mirror A	63	63⅛
Timken	31⅛	30⅞
Torchmark	45⅛	46¼
Toys R Us	23⅞	23¼
Transamerica	114¼	115⅛
Travelers	63⅞	63¼
Tribune	68¼	69⅛
UST Inc	26⅛	27⅞
US Bancorp	44¼	44⅞
UAL	81¼	81⅛
Unilum	70	70
US Inds	19	25¼
US West	49¼	49¼
USAirways Group	79⅛	79⅞
USX Marathon	36¼	36¼
Unicom	35	35¼
Unilever NV	80⅞	80¼
Union Camp	48⅛	49⅛
Union Carbide	57⅛	54¼
Union Pacific	43	43⅛
Unisys Corp	27⅞	28⅛
United Tech	94¼	93¼
Unocal Corp	37½	37⅛
VF Corp	51¼	52
Venator Group	21¼	20⅛
Wal-Mart Stores	60¼	60¼
Warner-Lambert	73⅛	71¾
Waste Mngmt	34¼	35⅛
Wells Fargo	376⅞	380
Weyerhaeuser	46⅛	46⅛
Whirlpool	68¼	69⅛
Whitman	22	22⅞
Winn Dixie	50¼	52⅛
Witco Corp	30	29¼
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	100⅞	100¼
Xerox	102¼	103⅛
Xilinx Inc	35	35⅛

City may have cause to rue its mayor

THE BUSINESS OF POLITICS

If some faintly dubious recent opinion polls are to be believed, Richard Branson merely has to announce his candidancy to become London's first ever directly elected mayor. Mr Branson's election would be a delicious rebuff both to those has-been politicians who have so far declared their own desire to run and to the spin-doctors who persuaded Alistair Darling, chief secretary to the Treasury, that you can never get anywhere in politics with a beard.

It would also provide a fitting climax to a long campaign by London business to increase its presence in the City's government. Unlike the plans for Scottish devolution, which have resulted in some of Edinburgh's business elite heretically muttering about relocating south of the border, London's mayor has had enthusiastic backing from companies across the capital. Senior City figures such as Sir Colin Marshall, chairman of British Airways, have also been able to use their impeccable New Labour credentials to guarantee that London businesses have had a loud voice in drafting the new proposals.

It was not ever thus. Business shed few tears at the abolition of the Greater London Council and during the boom days of the late 1980s seemed quite content to let central government quangos and loony left-wing local councils get on haphazardly with the job of trying to run London.

The recession in the early 1990s, which exposed many of London's deep-seated problems, however, persuaded the City that it could not afford to persist with a purely laisser faire approach to London government. London First, an umbrella organisation for large City companies, was born in an effort to get the message across to the Government that something urgent had to be done about the City's creaking infrastructure.

For once, the Government at all levels appears to have listened. Sir Michael Pickard, the new chairman of London First, believes that not only has central government taken on board the views of business but that relations with the local authorities have dramatically improved. Gone are the ideologically driven councils of 1980s infamy to be largely replaced by hard-working local authorities determined to work with business to improve the quality of life in the city.



ALASDAIR MURRAY

The full measure of London First's success has been that a large part of its business agenda has been adopted by the Government. Ask any company in London about the city issue that most concerns them and the inevitable answer will be transport — hardly a surprise to any of the hundreds of thousands of workers who crowd through Bank Tube station each morning. London businesses are desperate to see some serious action taken to try and relieve the City's overcrowded Underground system and grid-locked roads. The new mayor's assumption of transport powers can not come too soon for companies that are losing millions of pounds a year due to the inadequacies of the capital's infrastructure.

Companies in the City also like the mayor's second guise. The mayor will provide an instantly recognisable figurehead, a person who can go abroad to bat for London as an international business centre. Of course, the City has always had the Lord Mayor to do his bit at the international investment fairs, but few businesses believe the arcane election procedures have conferred much status on the Lord Mayor since Dick Whittington failed in his fourth re-election attempt.

On paper, then, the London mayoral plans are a dream reform for the capital's businesses. The Government has even established the London Development Partnership, chaired by the ubiquitous Sir Colin, to provide a report on the City's economic needs. The committee should metamorphise into London's Development Agency, providing a permanent forum for business, once the mayor has been elected.

The problem is that in the battle to become mayor, the *bête noire* of the business world — politics — is already rearing its ugly head. The mayor remains above all a political figure and unless Richard Branson decides he wants to spend millions on his own election campaign — and somehow extricates himself from countless conflicts of interest — one of the established parties will provide the mayor.

This simple fact brings with it countless uncertainties including the possibility that Ken Livingstone could somehow end up running London in *Red Ken II — The GLC's Revenge*. The redoubtable Mr Livingstone has already launched his election campaign touting such business-unfriendly ideas as a local corporation tax and even some kind of "fat cat" hike in personal taxation.

In the current political climate, it is more likely that a figure who is willing to listen to business will ultimately prevail. However, the election of a new mayor is ultimately an exercise in local democracy designed to end years of rule by quango. Business is sure to find quickly that its interests are not always in harmony with the City as whole. It may be easy to get everyone's agreement for Tube improvements but far more difficult when serious environmental issues are involved. Business supports the building of Terminal 5 at Heathrow, something that the local authorities in the area have clearly set themselves against. There is no reason to believe a mayor of any political colour will want to ignore the wishes of West London residents. A few more mayoral decisions of this nature and businesses may yearn once more for the days when there was no one running the capital.

Hearts and minds grow seeds of doubt

Carl Mortished on a US company keen to muscle into Europe selling genetically modified food products

Prince Charles may not like it, but Europe is becoming a new battleground in which Americans seek to influence our hearts and minds in order to put food in our stomachs.

Peruse your weekend newspapers and you might notice that a company called Monsanto is placing advertisements aimed at convincing us that genetically modified food is not just safe but a good thing, too. The St Louis-based company recently became embroiled in an angry spat with the Prince of Wales. The heir to the throne publicly voiced his opposition to the introduction of genetically engineered corn into England's green fields. Monsanto told the Prince to leave regulation to the regulators and retaliated with a £1 million advertising campaign, including telephone information lines and an internet website.



Prince Charles: angered

A storm in a tea-cup? Who cares about a bunch of seeds? Monsanto cares very deeply indeed and this week it gave evidence of its concern, agreeing to pay $1.4 billion (£840 million) for the international seed operations of Cargill, the American grain traders and food processors. That agreement follows closely two similar deals: the $4 billion purchase of DeKalb Genetics and Delta & Pine Land, both important seed producers.

For a group which had total sales last year of $7 billion, these are big investments. Monsanto is burning rubber on a racetrack to become world leader in life sciences, the spin-off from the amazing technology that is emerging from laboratories in the US. By inserting new genes into the geneplasm of plants, the technique engineers crops that are resistant to disease and that repel insects. The promise of genetic engineering is cheaper food in greater quantities in forms, shapes and sizes that make life easy for food processors. Monsanto promises a rich harvest, more food for the world, less use of pesticides and big profits. Its slogan, brandished across its literature is pithy, punchy and a touch arrogant: "Food. Health. Hope."

Monsanto is not running a lonely marathon; fellow American companies such as DuPont, the chemicals group, are rivals alongside Novartis, the Swiss pharmaceutical giant and the German chemical combines, Hoechst and Bayer. In the UK, Zeneca is heavily invested in plant genetics, producing a new breed of tomato designed to make better tomato paste, widely sold in UK supermarkets.

But manipulating genes to make new species arouses primitive fears. Add to that the BSE disaster and you end up with a cocktail of suspicion and anxiety that has probably set back Monsanto's attempts to introduce its products into this country. Trial plantings of genetically modified oilseed rape and maize are being conducted under government supervision, but the green lobby, including Greenpeace and the Soil Association, is deeply opposed and has, as mentioned above, an unrelated but highly influential ally.

In France, the Confédération Paysanne, a farmers' lobby group, is waging war against the perceived genetic invasion. Some farmers invaded a Novartis warehouse and destroyed cornseed sacks, using the subsequent trial to launch a public debate about genetically modified food.

With perfect logic, Monsanto explains that it has everything to fear and nothing to gain from a health or environmental disaster. It points out that the technology is at least 20 years old, tested in endless trials and works jolly well Stateside.

Beyond the spectre of genetic monsters lies a deeper concern about power and control; Monsanto's efforts to vacuum up seed companies should raise questions not just for its green critics but even its shareholders.

Monsanto's strategy is all about marketing and distribution muscle; with a brace of seed companies under its arm, Monsanto can get its own intellectual property, the patented genes, into a huge number of seed varieties and ultimately find its way into farms and fields worldwide. With DeKalb in its grip, Monsanto will probably have about 45 per cent of the US cornseed market. Another 45 per cent is taken by Pioneer, a seed company in which DuPont has acquired a 20 per cent stake.

The purchase of Cargill's non-US seed business takes Monsanto to 51 countries, adding market clout in corn sunflower and rapeseeds as well as soybean, alfalfa sorghum wheat and hybrid rice. According to the Monsanto president, Hendrik Verfaillie, it will enable the company to bring its genetic traits to crop acreage roughly double the area in its home patch in the US and Canada.

Mr Verfaillie said: "We can accelerate commercialisation through established distribution channels that will bring these and our future agronomic and quality traits to more farmers around the world."

Such talk is like a red rag to a bull at the Soil Association. Patrick Holden, its director, said: "It's corporate control on a grand scale. You own the patents on the seeds, you own the herbicides and then you own the seed companies — you get complete control."

A spokesman from Monsanto rejected this scenario as fantasy: "If we owned all the seedcorn in North and South America we would only own 10 per cent of the varieties in the world."

Still, back in St Louis, Monsanto's marketing clout is making big inroads into US agriculture and the key is the link between herbicides and plant breeding. The comany owns Round-up, the world's best-selling herbicide, worth billions in sales, but its patent expires at the turn of the century. This should not be a problem as Monsanto has developed new crop breeds resistant to the herbicide.

Farmers can spray fields liberally with Round-Up knowing that while every competing weed will die, their Round-up Ready soya plants will thrive.

According to Wood Mackenzie, the research consultants, Round-up Ready soya has taken America by storm. From a standing start in 1996, the crop has taken root in 27 per cent of all US fields planted with soya.

To the Soil Association, this sort of advance spells a threat to biodiversity. The organisation fears that the agribusiness industry wants a world made of vast areas of monoculture leading to an ecological desert.

Equally unclear is whether Monsanto's huge investments will pay off. One Wall Street agro-chemical analyst, who would not be named, said that Monsanto was paying top dollar for seed investments, hardly surprising given the heat in this market. Last year, Monsanto paid almost 22 times sales for Holden's Iowa seed concern.

Monsanto's stock price has risen almost sixfold over the last five years, raising its market value from $6 billion to $33 billion. The Cargill deal enables Monsanto to catch up with Pioneer, the number one seed company worldwide, but Monsanto refused to disclose even a sales figure for the Cargill operation.

Monsanto is keen to spread the good news about genetic engineering but it is less open about how much money its own business makes. The accounts are opaque on the subject of plant genetics which form part of its agriculture division, which includes herbicides. Sales in agriculture were $3.1 billion last year and operating income of just $112 million, but that includes charges of $633 million. A Monsanto spokesman said a better indicator of growth is that 1998 biotechnology fees (the money it earns from putting its wizardry into plants) will be six times the 1996 figure.

Confusing the picture even further is a $33 billion merger agreement announced this month with American Home Products, a deal which will reinforce Monsanto's own pharmaceutical arm but raises questions among some investors about focus.

Paying for growth with a cheque book is not the only way to go. Britain's Zeneca has chosen to move in the opposite direction, hiving off its seed operations into a joint venture. The company felt that the cost of becoming big in seeds was too great, preferring contracts with seed producers. But the prize has not yet been won. No small element in the growth in Monsanto's stock price is bid speculation. DuPont is occasionally named as a potential bidder for both Monsanto and Zeneca. The US chemicals group announced recently that it was selling off Conoco, its oil subsidiary. That provides room for manoeuvre.



Monsanto, the St Louis-based manufacturer, has adopted an aggressive global marketing strategy that has provoked French farmers' protests in Lyon

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Hacked off

INTO the 21st century with Lloyd's of London. The insurance market yesterday launched its new website "designed to enhance the market's profile and the business processes of the insurance market". The trouble is that the website does not work, at least not from this office.

I know little of these things, but a colleague who does could access only a blue screen with some rather pretty grey rectangles on it. These should have been filled with lettering, but they weren't. I ring Lloyd's. "That's bizarre," says the man. "We've got a gremlin." He goes away. "That's odd," he says when he comes back. He goes away again. He comes back. "You've possibly not got the right browser software." What does that mean? "Don't ask." He comes back a fourth time. "There's probably an incompatibility problem."

What does . . . oh, never mind. I agree to ring him back and tell him which browser we use, which will allow his techies to sort it out. I do this — it is either of two very common ones, which suggests the problem is widespread. "Bizarre," he says and goes away again. By now I am wondering whether I should be charging consultancy fees. No further response, and some hours later the page remains unobtainable.



"The Pentagon's easy, but can he hack into the Lloyd's website?"

■ *THE dear old Association of Investment Trusts, which some might regard as a little stuffy and old-fashioned, has its finger firmly on the pulse of Cool Britannia. At the Association's summer party the other night someone put on a tape of that new "pop" music today's young people really go for. There are, alas, several reasons why Gary Glitter was not a terribly clever choice.*

Count on rows

TROUBLE in New York, just a day after the formal merger of Price Waterhouse and Coopers & Lybrand. Tomorrow is Independence Day and would be a rare public holiday in the US, except that it is Saturday. For some reason Coopers, easily the more Gradgrind-ish of the two, had decreed that its employees would not only have today off in lieu, as is normal practice, but yesterday as well.

Then someone discovered, just as the two started off their married life together, that Price Waterhouse people had only been given today off. There were requests for equalisation, but the management refused. So all the Price Waterhouse types trooped into the office as usual, grumbling that the merged body was dominated by Coopers people and how unfair it all was. Not an auspicious start.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Daily grind

I SEE Avis Europe is buying Avis Greece. I hope they will be very happy together, but I cannot help recalling the time I hired a car on a remote and mountainous Greek island. Nothing wrong with it, except that it was disconcerting to discover how easily you could slip in and out of various gears without first depressing the clutch. Those remote mountain trails can be unforgiving on a mere machine.

Back in the UK, I told a Greek friend. He responded with a story he claimed was true of a Greek woman who returned her car to the garage, with a modest number of miles on the clock, complaining that it was making funny noises and running increasingly slowly. The mechanic, who noticed the car was parked in third, asked if she had experienced any trouble changing gears. "Gears?" she asked, looking baffled.

Short order

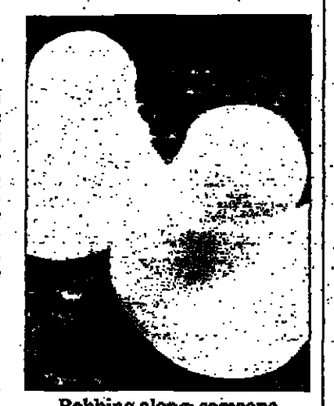
AS THE vultures pick over the bones of the bust restaurant chain Pierre Victoire, a sighting of founder and former owner. And a bit of a comedown for the ebullient Pierre Levicky, a man who finds it hard to stay still for long. He has been taken on by the franchisee of the branch at Edinburgh's Union Street as head chef, says *Caterer & Hotelkeeper*, the trade magazine.

■ *SPEAKING of vultures, my item about Lazards' troubles, as reported in* Fortune *magazine recently, attracted an immediate phone call from someone keen to track the piece down. A head-hunter, as it happens, I will not identify him, but stand by your phones, chaps.*

Sitting duck

BRITISH AIRWAYS staff arrived at the swish, new Waterside headquarters at Heathrow a few days ago to find a flotilla of plastic ducks which someone had installed in the lake which runs partially inside the building. The ducks were glued together in a long sycophantic line, beak right up to . . . anyway, the biggest duck, the one in front, for some reason had the name "Bob" stuck on it. The fowls have now been separated, and "Bob" is now bobbing around by himself.

MARTIN WALLER



Bobbing along: someone at BA's headquarters has a funny sense of humour

Japan approves bridge bank loan rescue scheme

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS EDITOR

JAPAN yesterday approved the setting up of a "bridge bank" to help with the orderly winding up of bankrupt commercial banks but there was no mention of the permanent tax cuts that the financial markets had been hoping for.

Despite a flurry of press conferences in Tokyo, including appearances by the Finance Minister, Governor of the Bank of Japan and the head of Japan's financial regulator, the currency market, in particular, was left unimpressed. The dollar jumped to Y140.90 from an earlier low of Y137.92 by morning trading in Europe.

Stock markets in Asia, however, reacted positively. The bank rescue plans were announced after the Tokyo market had closed but shares rose in anticipation of the proposals. The Nikkei 225 index closed 108.69 points higher at 16,471.58, a rise of 0.66 per cent.

Hong Kong gained 5 per cent, partly reflecting that it missed Wednesday's rally in Asian stocks because of a public holiday. Stocks had risen on Wednesday because of speculation of tax cuts in Japan.

Shares in Thailand rallied by nearly 4 per cent yesterday with the Manila market up more than 4 per cent and Jakarta up by more than 2 per cent.

Under the bridge bank scheme, failed banks will be put under temporary public administration before being closed, allowing their healthy loans business to be taken over by bridge banks.

Legislation to establish the banks has yet to be voted on by the Japanese Parliament at an extraordinary session expected to convene at the end of this month.

Hikaru Matsunaga, Japan's Finance Minister, made clear yesterday that the maximum amount of public money to be used for the bridge bank scheme would be Y13 trillion already earmarked for financial stabilisation.

Okiharu Yasuoka, the head of the LDP panel on bad loans, said that he thought the Y13 trillion would be enough but added that, if necessary, the Government was ready to make more public funds available, apparently contradicting the Finance Minister.

Although the markets were disappointed that no tax cuts were announced, Mr Matsunaga hinted that these are still on the agenda. He said that Japan would pursue discussions over tax reforms, including personal income taxes, which would, he said, "be fair, transparent and conducive to creating demand".

It was also announced yesterday that the Financial Supervisory Agency and the Bank of Japan will conduct investigations of the top 19 Japanese banks over the next two to three months.

Masaru Hayami, Governor of the central bank, said that its most recent inspection of the Long-Term Credit Bank of Japan showed that its liabilities did not exceed its assets. The bank has been subject to intense financial market speculation about its health recently.

Airbus secures US Airways deal

BY ADAM JONES

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE has secured an order for seven A330 airliners from US Airways but it has played down speculation that it has beaten Boeing to a groundbreaking order from British Airways.

Airbus said yesterday that US Airways may take up to 30 of the twin-engined A330s, giving the deal a value of about $3.5 billion (£2.1 billion) if the airline converts seven options and 16 reserved delivery positions into firm orders.

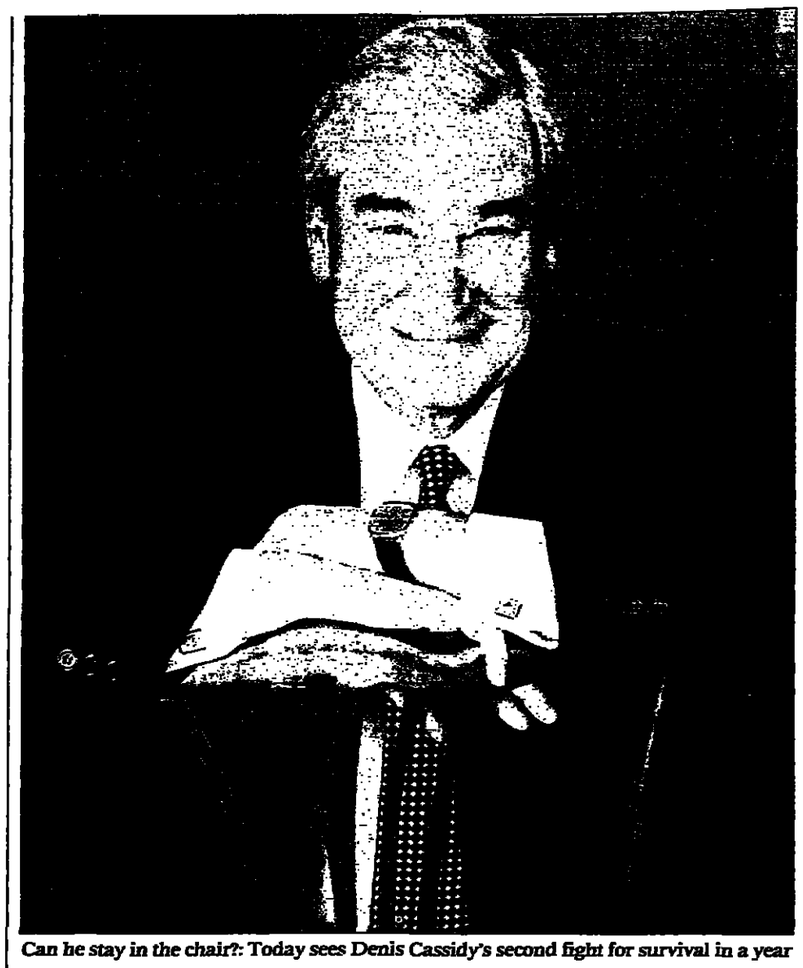
The order comes a day after Air France signed a contract to buy 20 planes from the A320 family, for a consideration of about $900 million at catalogue prices.

US Airways will use the planes on transatlantic routes. Delivery of the firm orders will begin in late 1999. The airline has not yet chosen an engine manufacturer. Rolls-Royce currently supplies its Boeing 757s with RB211-535 engines.

Shares in British Aerospace, one of the four Airbus partners, rose strongly earlier this week after speculation that British Airways will order up to 30 short-haul jets from Airbus in a £600 million deal.

British Airways does operate some Airbus planes but these were inherited from the takeover of British Caledonian, and BA has always chosen Boeing for its new fleet requirements.

Sources close to Airbus have tried to deflate the speculation that a contract victory is imminent. The forthcoming order is likely to be an issue at a British Airways board meeting today, but industry sources suggested it may still be too early for a final decision to be taken.



Can he stay in the chair?: Today sees Denis Cassidy's second fight for survival in a year

Cassidy faces close call on Oliver rights issue

BY JASON NISSÉ

ONLY last autumn Denis Cassidy lost his fight to remain chairman of Liberty. Today, as the new Liberty board reveals the famous department store's results, the former Bhs and Boddingtons chief will find out whether he is to be defeated in a second corporate battle within a year, so losing his post as chairman of Oliver Group, the shoe retailer.

The vote at today's extraordinary meeting could not be closer. The motion on the table does not actually call for the departure of either Mr Cassidy or Martin Watts managing director of Oliver.

In fact the motion is being put forward by Oliver's management, which wants to raise £5.5 million through a one-for-one rights issue. It says it needs the money to invest in the group's shoe shops, but a previous plan to raise the money through a placing with institutional shareholders was blocked by rebel investors, including the Oliver family.

The rebels say Oliver does not need the money, and that Mr Cassidy and Mr Watts, who have presided over losses of £18 million in the past three years, should not be trusted with any more cash.

Ken Bartle, the former head of Stead & Simpson, who is leading the rebels, says they now speak for 35 per cent of Oliver's shares. Mr Cassidy claims support from 30 per cent. Of the remainder, the crucial shareholding is the 17 per cent held by Flemings, which has not indicated how it will vote.

Should Mr Cassidy succeed today, it is not certain that he will be able to remain as chairman anyway. If he loses, he is almost certain to resign. But on the bright side, he is expected to pick up another chairmanship soon — that of Newcastle United, the Premiership football club.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Vodafone directors cash in share options

KENNETH HYDON, a director of Vodafone, the mobile telephone group, made a profit of £1.39 million yesterday on share dealings. He effectively bought 208,800 shares under option for £351,283 and then sold them at 835p a share for £1.74 million. Mr Hydon retains a stake of 213,450 shares in the company and has 328,304 unexercised share options.

Julian Horn-Smith, another Vodafone director, bought 117,300 shares held under option for £194,738 and then sold 102,300 shares at 835p each for £854,205. He has retained 15,000 shares. Mr Horn-Smith now has 115,698 shares in the company and has 352,719 share options. Shares in Vodafone jumped yesterday from 796p to 844p. On Wednesday Vodafone revealed an increase of 680,000 in the number of new customers around the world in the April-June quarter of whom 206,000 were in Britain.

Qualceram expanding

QUALCERAM, the ceramics group, is to create 280 jobs during the next three years through a Ir£19 million (£15.2 million) investment backed by Forbairt, Ireland's enterprise development agency. The company is to set up a joint venture with the Turkish group Eczacibasi Karo Seramik on a tile manufacturing project and is to expand its existing operations by enlarging the ceramics plant, doubling output from its acrylic plant and starting to manufacture bathroom furniture. Qualceram employs 110 people.

Haggas issues warning

SHARES in J Haggas dived from 67½p to 48½p after the textiles group warned the stock market that it would make only £1 million before tax in the year to June 30 despite making £700,000 in the latest half year. Last year the company made £2.22 million before tax on sales of £43.8 million against a previous £2.7 million. Haggas blamed "the continued strength of the pound, the collapse in knitwear demand and the state of some of our main UK customers".

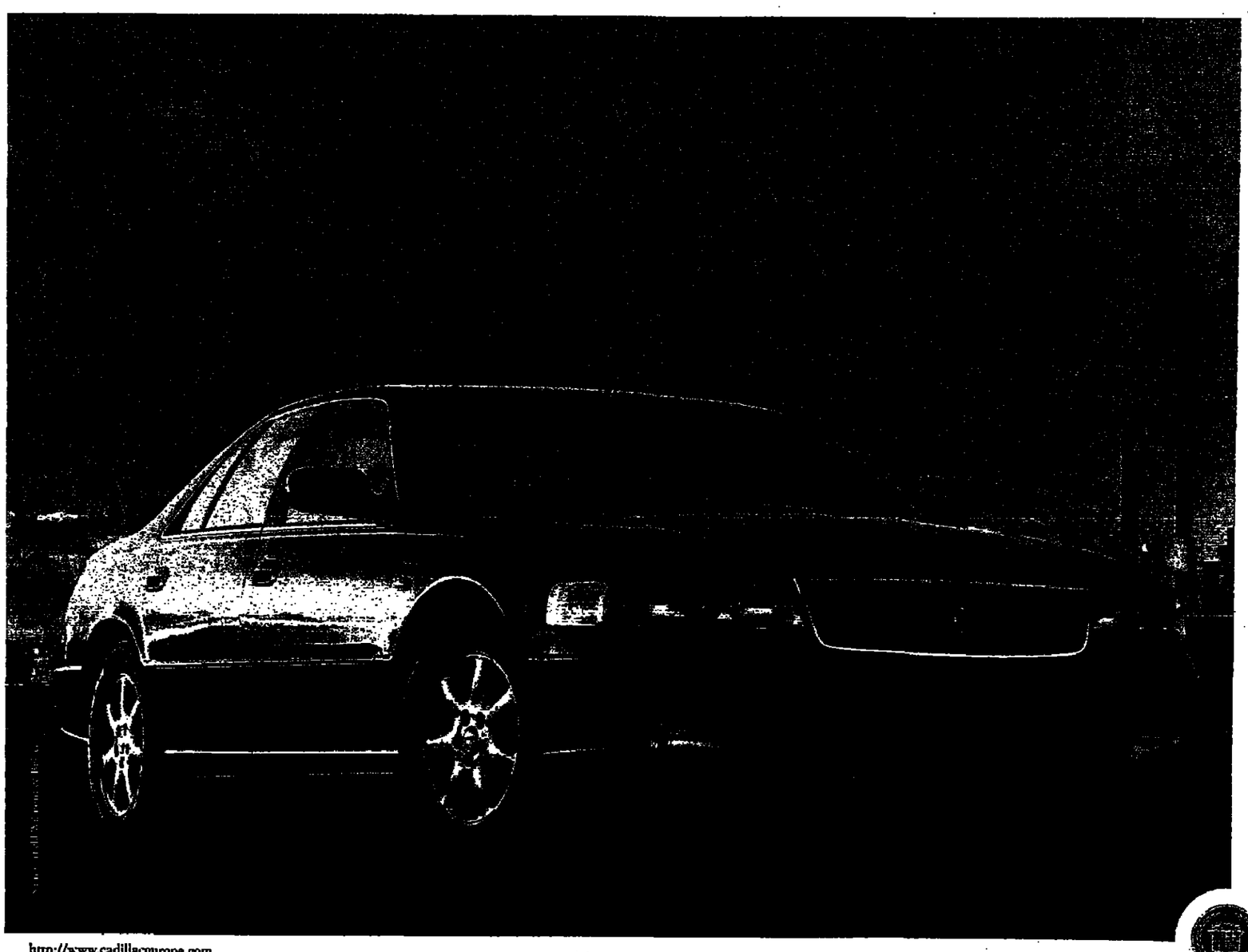
Carr's Milling venture

CARR'S MILLING, the food producer, is to form a 50-50 joint venture with Billington Agriculture to make feeds for ruminants. Chris Holmes, chief executive of Carr's, said: "Reduction in demand has led to uncompetitively high costs per tonne for the milling of our animal feed. By combining our animal feed milling operations with those of Billington, the increased throughput and the potential cost savings from consolidation of operations will make the joint venture company one of the lowest-cost ruminant feed producers in the UK."

Avis returns to Greece

AVIS EUROPE, the car rental group, said it has acquired Avis Greece, its former licensee company in Greece. Alun Cathcart, chairman and chief executive of Avis Europe, said: "Greece continues to be a top global tourism destination and this transaction completes the group's corporate presence in the principal Mediterranean markets, enabling us to extract maximum advantage from future growth opportunities. We anticipate this acquisition will be earnings enhancing to the Avis group within the first year of operation."

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N&P UK Growth 130.40 138.70 -1.40 1.47
Equity Income # 179.40 190.80 +1.50 3.39
Extra Income # 336.00 356.80 +2.00 4.37
Smaller Cos 109.10 116.00† -0.20 1.59
International 150.70 160.30† +1.30 0.91

ABERDEEN PROLIFIC UT MGRS LTD
Enq: 0345 866 666 Dlg: 0800 833 580
Amer Opp Acc 400.19 430.18 +7.56
Emrg Mkts Inc 51.36 54.34† -1.21 0.51
Ethical Inc 94.74 100.24† -0.48 0.38
Euro Gwth Acc 149.59 157.84 +1.68
Euro Spec Opps Acc 157.18 166.33 +2.43
Extra Inc Inc 237.92 251.78† +0.50 3.82
Extra Inc Acc 329.97 349.20 +0.70 3.82
FE Emg Econ 63.43 67.12† -0.43 1.00
Fixed Int Inc # 30.75 32.27 +0.05 7.45
Frontier Mkt Inc 72.96 77.39 +1.10 0.41
Fund Of Inv Inc # 223.37 236.36† +0.44 8.35
Fund Of Inv Acc 487.75 518.12 +0.95 8.35
Gilt Inc Inc # 50.56 52.70† +0.06 6.62
Global Bond Inc 40.62 42.38 -0.75 4.81
Global Inc Inc 35.59 37.46 +0.43 3.25
Global Inc Acc 54.69 57.56 +0.67 3.25
High Inc Inc 177.58 187.92 +0.64 3.73
High Inc Acc 239.50 253.45 +0.87 3.73
Japan Inc 141.04 148.59 -0.89
Latin Amer Inc 58.54 61.94 +1.63 1.04
Master Inc Inc 68.06 72.04† +0.67 2.25
Master Gwth Inc 63.22 66.89 +0.16 0.32
North Amer Inc 290.08 304.86† +5.90
North Amer Acc 290.42 305.21 +5.92
Pacific Inc 49.54 52.42 +0.42 0.24
Prop Share Inc 99.46 105.24† -0.32 1.21
Special Sit Inc 192.70 203.93† -1.57 0.74
Special Sit Acc 219.55 232.34 -1.78 0.74
Tech Inc 930.86 979.29† +20.15
Tech Acc 930.86 979.29 +20.15
UK Blue Chip Inc 129.24 136.39 +1.44 2.28
UK Blue Chip Acc 155.58 164.19 +1.73 2.28
UK Emg Co Inc 91.05 98.44† -0.17 0.82
UK Gwth Inc 79.59 84.22 +0.57 0.90
World Port Inc # 100.87 106.48† +1.35 1.58

ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
0131 220 0733
UK Small Cos 2785.60 2906.00 -14.00

AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
0171 256 5868
Resdl Property # 109.30 116.20 -0.30 5.50

ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD
01452 305 958
Amity Income 115.78 122.84 +0.30 1.73
Income Builder Inc 109.43 116.41 +0.63 2.79

B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
01293 526 911
Cncrd Dut Pens 156.80 162.90
Founder Persl Pens 89.79 93.28

BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD
0131 222 4242
American Sm Cos 487.90 518.00 -9.10
Bond 124.40 130.80† +0.10 6.30
Brd Smlr Cos 121.30 129.00 -0.15 1.81
Europe 462.80 490.60 +1.75
Euro Smlr Cos 147.50 156.90 -1.00 0.20
High Income # 75.82 80.66 -0.07 4.89
Income 461.40 490.90† -2.35 3.41
Japan 262.80 277.90 -1.45
Latin American 92.58 98.49† -2.02
Pacific 60.16 64.00 -1.13 1.17
Uk Smlr Cos 70.42 74.91 -0.59 0.91
Japanese Sm Cos 437.60 449.60 -1.65
Magd Fd 271.50 287.90 +1.26 1.89

BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD
0171 489 8673
Bid & Oseas 474.40 501.60 +12.70 0.70
Capital Gwth 188.80 199.70 -3.42 2.10
Wwide Opps 265.90 281.20 -7.60 0.78

BARCLAYS FUNDS LTD
Customer Help Desk 0181 522 4000
Income Funds
Cash 100.10 100.10† 6.85
Cash Acc 135.10 135.10 6.85
Income # 801.70 855.20 -10.50 3.46
Income Builder # 91.56 97.50 -1.02 4.03
Balanced Funds
Exempt 133.80 131.70 +1.80 1
500 602.70 648.00 -2.60 1.36
General 469.90 502.20 +7.30 1.05
Property 278.10 298.40† 5.89
Trustee 327.40 349.70† -5.50 1.20
Growth Funds - UK
Capital 209.80 224.00† +3.30 1.13
FTSE 100 153.10 162.60† +3.10 1.35
Smaller Cos 69.03 73.63 -0.16 1.65
Smaller Cos Acc 83.14 88.68 -0.13 1.65
Growth Funds - Overseas
America 276.50 291.90 +3.70
American Growth 186.18 197.00 +2.10
Japan 90.40 95.44 -0.47
Japan Acc 91.44 96.54 -0.48
Japan Spec Sits 41.55 43.97 -0.33
Worldwide 246.20 261.20 +3.40 0.55
Barclays Investment Portfolios
Managed Income 50.32 52.06† +0.07 6.35
Mgd Gwth & Inc # 51.02 54.03 +0.35 5
Managed Growth 53.87 57.30 +0.77 0.60
Barclays Global Investors Funds
Stakeline 0800 783 4567
Income Funds
Distribution # 140.90 141.60† +1.00 4.90
Equity Income # 193.00 205.80 +1.70 3.54
Gilt & Fx Int 64.54 68.83† -0.07 6.70
Int Fxd Int 102.70 106.10 4.42
Int Fxd Int Acc 133.10 137.60 4.42
Growth Funds - UK
UF Growth 607.40 646.20 +10.00 1.06
UK Growth Acc 607.40 646.20 -10.00 1.06
Growth & Inc 616.50 655.80 +9.60 1.15
Growth & Inc Acc 1341 1427 -21.00 1.15
Growth Funds - Overseas
Euro Growth 312.40 331.10 +4.40 0.46
Euro Growth Acc 342.10 362.60 +4.80 0.46
Far Eastern Gwth 88.32 93.96† -1.71 1.15
Far East Gth Acc 151.30 161.00 -3.00 1.15
Customer Service Centre 0800 626262
b2 Stk Mkt Gth 101.30 102.00 +1.00

BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD
0171 214 1004
American Growth 225.60 238.20 -4.70
Amer Smlr Cos 176.00 186.30 -1.60
Eastern 126.70 137.60 +4.30 0.30
Equity Income # 135.10 144.20 -0.60 3.60
European Growth 676.60 718.50 +7.30 0.40
Europe 552.10 590.80† -0.90 0.95
German Growth 174.40 184.70 +0.60 0.50
Global Bond 76.35 80.31 -0.26 5.10
Global Growth 222.10 235.60 +3.40 0.10
Japan Growth 114.10 120.70 -0.70
Japan Smaller 77.86 82.28 -0.34
Korea Trust 21.34 25.35 -0.56
Portfolio 200.50 213.10 +2.10 1.80
-do- Accum 383.30 413.90 +4.20 1.80
UK Growth 155.50 165.80† +1.50 1.20
Uk Smaller Cos 157.80 170.80 -0.50 1.09
Select Managers 106.70 113.30 +0.70 1.00

BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD
0171 250 3300
Intl Gwth Port Inc 112.60 119.30
Special Oppor Inc 49.57 52.73

BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD
0141 223 6020
Balanced Growth 210.70 219.48 +0.19 0.50
-do- Accum 250.03 260.45 +0.23 0.50
Smaller Cos 217.70 226.78 -1.32 0.84
-do- Accum 247.57 257.89 -1.50 0.84
Higher Yield # 80.02 83.35† +0.93 3.24
-do- Accum # 132.70 138.23 +0.56 3.24
American Gth Inc 160.82 167.53 +2.27
European Growth 271.31 282.61 +4.39
-do- Accum 277.11 288.65 +4.49
Mngd Pfolio Inc 67.51 70.32 +0.71 1.30
-do- Accum 71.08 74.05 +0.75 1.30
Intl Spec Opps 235.01 244.80 +2.94
Pacific Gth 83.99 87.49 +1.77 0.92
UK General # 141.48 147.37† +1.91 2.28
-do- Accum # 159.61 166.26 +2.16 2.28
Japan 39.08 40.71 +0.30
Gilt & Fixed Int # 112.49 116.97† +0.14 6.95

BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
0171 480 7216
Short Dated Gilt 64.63 66.45 -0.02 6.39

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
0161 837 5060
Growth 257.30 270.20† +2.20 1.16
UK Growth 313.50 329.30 +5.50 1.19
UK Income 217.30 221.80 +2.30 3.14

CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD
01707 822 100
Can Gen Dist 314.50 333.70 +3.40 1.02
-do- Income Dist 176.60 187.20 -1.00 2.64
-do- Accum 602.40 638.50 +3.40 2.64
Gilt & Fxd Int 45.12 47.41 +0.14 4.50
Growth Units 378.30 404.00 -3.90 1.43
Bond 195.10 205.70 +0.40 5.50
Intl Growth 262.50 279.10 +2.20 0.12
North American 389.60 413.40 +7.50
Far East 142.80 152.70† +2.90 1.39
UK Smaller Cos 310.40 332.00† 0.87
European 146.19 156.60† +1.40 0.47
Japanese Growth 27.33 28.80 +0.04
High Income 311.10 332.20 +1.60 2.58
Eurogrowth Plus 256.10 272.45† +2.10 0.09
Portfolio 107.14 113.98† +1.06 1.05
UK Income Inc 130.51 138.84 +0.57 2.40

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD
0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455
American & Gen 338.80 359.50 +5.60
European Inc 163.80 173.80 +1.30
Smaller Cos (4-1) 126.00 134.10 +0.20 1.52
Growth 789.90 840.40 +7.40 1.39
Income & Growth # 648.70 688.00 +4.70 3.92
-do- Accum # 1029.60 1095.40 +7.50 3.92
Japan & Gen 46.09 49.89 -0.17
Hallmark Gwth 1696.00 1767.00† +16.00 1.03
-do- Accum 2150.00 2240.00 +28.00 1.03
Special Sits 181.00 192.60† +0.90 1.31
High Yield 2081.00 2146.00 +14.00 3.32

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
0171 606 0708
Cazenove Portfolio 124.75 132.65 -1.08 2.17
American Portfolio 188.75 199.88† +1.11 0.40
European Portfolio 223.75 237.76 -0.14 0.27
High Income 56.29 59.27 +0.08 6.22
Japanese Portfolio 44.63 47.35† -0.18
Pacific Portfolio 94.90 102.05† +2.48 1.50
UF Equity 129.86 138.44 +0.24 2.60
UF Equity & Bd 72.51 76.83 +0.21 4.98
UF Smlr Cos 62.25 66.98 -0.19 1.72

CBF CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUNDS
0171 588 1815
Inv Fd Inc 1048.42 1064.26 3.26
Inv Fd Acc 1180.54 1117.18
Fxd Int Sec Inc 167.45 168.13 7.61
Fxd Int Sec Acc 185.85 186.69

COIF CHARITY FUNDS
0171 588 1815
Investment Inc 1010.22 1025.48 3.39
Investment Acc 4944.09 5018.81
Fixed Int Inc 137.98 138.54 7.57
Fixed Int Acc 285.45 286.59

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
0171 556 8880
CF Intl Acc 104.53 109.92 5.62
City Fin Fd 37.26 40.31† -0.25
Acorn Ethical Tst 223.16 237.40† 0.52
City Fin Assets 97.14 102.01 2.78
City Fin Ind 90.14 95.89
Friars Hse Cap 415.76 442.32 2.14
Buckley Wrld Gth 139.74 148.72
Utilities Fd 95.84 97.76 +0.91 2.66

CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0171 711 0771 Admn: 01277 227 300
Emerging Markets 41.42 43.95 -0.28

CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD
0345 772 233
American Gwth 119.04 126.64 +2.05
Dragon Growth 39.26 41.98 +1.05
Equity High Inc # 131.93 139.60† +0.84 3.94
-do- Accum # 201.75 213.49 -1.30 3.94
Extra Income Inc 29.31 30.85† +0.04 5.71
Extra Income Acc 35.33 37.19 +0.05 5.71
European Gwth 113.07 119.85 +1.31
Evergreen 39.85 42.62 +0.49
General Equity 153.13 161.61 +1.35 1.87
Japan Growth 31.41 33.41 -0.74
Pedigree Gwth 99.25 105.02 +0.60 1.25
Ped Sm Cos Inc 50.79 53.75 -0.01 1.10
-do- Accum 54.91 58.11 -0.01 1.10
Retirement Inc # 37.63 40.03 +0.27 4.48
Special Sit 65.29 70.20 +0.58 1.94
UK & Overseas 79.44 84.06 +1.04 0.23

COLONIAL UNIT TRUSTS (UK) LTD
01634 896 800
Balanced 92.97 96.78 +0.73 2.88
Capital 118.21 123.13 +0.86 1.58
High Income 57.94 60.35† +0.08 6.31
Top 50 86.72 90.33 +1.10 1.57

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MGRS LTD
0181 686 9818
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)
Income Funds
Equity Inc 264.18 275.22 +1.79 3.68
Long Gilt 53.62 58.03† +0.39 4.71
Monthly Inc Plus 63.61 66.27 +0.06 6.76
-do- Accum 79.55 82.87 +0.06 6.76
Preference Share 63.59 66.25† +0.09 5.88
Balanced Funds
High Yield 189.28 197.19† +0.81 4.89
Managed Fund 93.25 97.15 +0.75 2.54
UK Growth Funds
Smaller Cos 57.12 59.51 -0.33 1.06
-do- Accum 68.88 71.76 -0.39 1.06
UK & General 140.00 145.85 +1.32 1.91
-do- Accum 188.76 196.65 +1.78 1.91
UK Growth 275.22 286.72 +2.58 1.23
International Growth Funds
Europe Growth 371.25 386.76 +2.58
Far Eastern Grth 82.18 85.61 +0.59 0.39
Global Bond 71.38 74.36 +0.04 5.16
Japan Growth 79.13 82.44 -1.13
North Amer Grth 366.80 382.12 +6.95
Oriental Growth 46.98 48.94 +1.10 1.33
Worldwide Growth 94.50 98.45 +0.89
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)
Deposit Fund 92.72 92.72 +0.02 6.77
Homemaker Fund 114.70 122.03 +1.18 1.89

CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD
0171 556 8800
Consistent UT 47.98 51.16 +0.45 2.52

COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD
0800 526 356
Growth 224.50 238.60 +0.80 1.98
UK Eqty Inc 97.74 103.98 +0.46 3.36
European Growth 123.60 130.90 +0.30
UK Spec Sits 246.20 261.90 +1.60 1.41

CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD
0171 283 9494
Equity Dist 1371.00 1394.96† 3.03

CREDIT SUISSE ASSET MGMT FDS (UK) LTD
01277 680 370
European Inc 111.00 117.60 +0.50 0.27
Fellowship Tst 139.40 148.20 +0.40 6.90
Income # 387.00 411.70 +3.00 3.35
-do- Accum # 1085.00 1154.00 +8.00 3.35
Smaller Cos 280.20 298.00† -0.70 0.39
-do- Accum 351.40 373.80 -0.80 0.39
Gth Portfolio 138.30 147.10 +1.20 1.93
Mthly Inc Port # 114.20 121.10 +0.90 3.21

DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD
0171 470 1634
Global Sm Cos 1922.00 1923.20 +2.40 0.49
UK Small Cos 2572.30 2681.00 -13.80 3.30

DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS
0171 377 8819
Disc Inc 303.90 313.30†

DRESDNER RCM FUNDS (UK) LTD
Dealer:0171 956 7354 Client Helpline:0800 317573
Formerly KBUT
Amer Smllr Cos 246.46 262.19 +4.63
Asian Growth 148.58 158.06 +4.26 0.40
Bond Income 111.65 115.64† +0.13 6.25
European 321.78 342.31† +2.82 0.12
European Priv 156.08 165.02† +2.11 0.67
European Special 238.74 253.97† +2.34
Gilt Yield 131.80 139.65 +0.40 6.10
Global Eqty Inc 155.56 165.16 +1.63 1.36
High Yield # 221.07 235.18† +2.03 3.87
Japan 278.69 296.47 -0.17
Japanese Special 130.39 138.71 -0.62
Money Market 105.35 105.35 -0.01
North American 179.31 190.62 +3.46
Smaller Cos 182.37 193.96† -0.62 0.75
Smlr Cos Div 79.56 84.63† 4.76
Tomorrows Co Ex 1372.00 1390.00 -11.00 0.11
UF Index Inc 485.67 488.11 -5.02 2.46
Global Income 271.24 290.08 +1.45 3.12
Formerly Thornton
European 545.35 571.04 +5.15 0.31
Europe Bd 38.77 40.37 -0.05 6.95
Exempt 991.99 1032.6† +12.69 1.73
Global Em Mkts 62.74 65.69 +1.21 0.50
Japan Tst 60.54 63.39† -0.41
Little Dragons 52.96 55.45† -1.11
Oriental Income # 30.81 32.26 -0.45 3.94
Preference 162.58 170.24 -0.30 7.82
Tiger 143.92 155.93† -4.31
UK Growth 949.46 994.19 -7.48 1.25
UF High Yield # 158.11 166.60 3.88
UK Mid-Cap 503.09 526.73 +4.06 1.10
UF Smlr Cos Div # 99.18 103.85 5.21
UF Smlr Cos 164.44 172.18 -0.08 0.01

EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0345 030 526
European 98.66 104.50 -0.20
Financial 85.91 90.32 -0.50 1.11
UK Growth # 417.60 443.90 -3.30 1.97
UF Income # 249.90 265.50 -1.40 3.20
International 504.00 535.36 -5.30
Int Cap Inc 133.16 142.10 -1.40 1.90
Latin American 29.50 31.34 +0.77
Mgd Gwth Por 112.30 117.40 -0.40 0.60
Pacific 55.86 57.23 -1.61
Prof High Inc 27.81 29.55† -0.16 6.09
Tokyo 134.00 141.80 -1.40
UF Smaller Cos 326.60 347.00 +3.30 1.01
Japan Sm Cos 221.10 234.10 -2.00
Nth Amer 672.80 711.20† -8.20

ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD
0171 242 0242
Growth Acc 368.70 388.10 0.16
Income 727.10 765.40 4.06

ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD
0171 373 7261
Endurance Fd 278.10 295.80 -6.30 0.98

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
01296 431 480
European 152.35 160.37† -0.53 1.15
Ethical Tst 61.94 65.20 -0.31 1.39
Far Eastern 195.90 206.21 +0.40 2.10
High Income 198.94 209.41 +0.98 3.50
UF Index Trckng 77.20 81.37 -0.58 2.08
Intl Growth 143.60 151.16 -0.04 1.72
North American 211.90 223.05 -0.55 1.49
Pelican 205.65 216.47 -1.41 2.13
Smaller Cos 85.03 89.51† -0.16 1.71
Special Sits 105.52 111.07 -0.03 1.40
Tst of Inv Tsts 275.82 290.34 +0.81 1.41

EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD
01392 412 144
Capital Growth 192.38 204.12 -2.27
Fd of Inv Tsts 70.09 74.37† -0.60 0.11
High Income # 51.46 53.50† -0.05 8.64
Wise & El Opps 66.30 70.94 -0.74
Zero Preference 52.00 55.17† -0.03

FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD
01273 724 570
Family Asset Tst 142.40 151.40† 1.80
Charities Eth 194.60 413.70† 1.97

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD
Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 181
Cash Fund
Cash Fund 100.00 100.00 6.90
Bond Funds
Intl Bond ‡ 25.68 ‡ -0.04 4.92
Income Funds
High Income 34.26 35.93† +0.14 4.37
Income Plus # 192.30 209.70† +1.30 3.64
Moneybuilder Gwth # 45.64 47.18 +0.54 2.84
Equity Funds
ASEAN 19.83 21.16 -0.47
American 561.60 595.40 +6.60
Amer Spec Sits 263.00 280.10 -5.40
European 381.10 405.30 +6.20 0.26
European Opps 148.00 157.30 +1.90 0.36
Global Pav 47.34 50.34 -0.74 0.16
UK Growth 183.60 195.50 +2.30 1.08
Growth & Inc # 267.10 284.70 +3.30 2.80
Intl PEP 70.330 74.780 +1.25 0.92
Japan Spec Sits 56.19 59.43 -6.08
Japan 140.30 148.00 -0.80
Managed Intl 506.70 537.50 -11.90 0.55
Moneybuilder Pfac 90.42 91.08 -1.10 0.28
Recovery 78.770 81.630 -0.04 2.25
South E Asia 126.40 134.70 -4.53 1.55
Special Sits 1088.00 1157.00 -5.00 0.98
Specialist Funds
Cash Accum Units 128.21 128.21 -0.02 6.90

FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD
0171 814 2700
Balanced # 181.70 183.60 1.50
Fledgeling Prf Inc # 117.30 118.10† -0.43 5.15
Cap Pfolio 222.00 223.52 -1.82
General Opps 197.20 198.40 2.52
Growth Inc 54.44 55.20 -0.63 1.00
Private Portfolio 660.40 665.80 1.18

FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT
Dlg 01277 690 386 Admin/Val 01277 690 350
Euro Smlr Cos 255.60 272.30 -2.30
High Income 24.23 25.69† -0.79 8.76
UK Smlr Cos 37.60 40.21† -0.07 1.74
US Smaller Cos 600.00 636.90 -3.43

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD
Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511
American Growth 132.40 140.20 -1.50
-do- Accum 132.40 140.20 -1.56
Amer Smlr Cos 858.30 912.10 -8.00
-do- Accum 877.30 931.80 -8.10
Capital Tst 487.50 518.60 -12.30 1.26
-do- Accum 728.00 774.50 -19.30 1.26
Cmd Smlr Cos 91.74 98.05† +1.86
-do- Accum 98.46 105.20† +1.80
Convertible 166.30 176.90† +0.40 5.83
-do- Accum 394.40 419.60† -1.00 5.83
Emerging Markets 47.13 50.35 -1.04 0.07
-do- Accum 47.53 50.78 -1.06 0.07
European 254.10 269.10† -1.70
-do- Accum 270.20 286.20† -1.90
Extra Income 537.50 571.80 -3.40 3.99
-do- Accum 895.20 952.30 -5.60 3.99
Financial 300.00 319.00 -3.70 0.38
-do- Accum 322.40 343.00 -4.10 0.38
Gilt Trust 63.97 65.96 -0.10 6.69
-do- Accum 108.30 111.60 -0.20 6.69
Health Fund Inc 276.20 293.80 -4.30
-do- Accum 276.20 293.80 -4.30
Income & Growth 307.30 326.90† -3.20 3.77
-do- Accum 517.90 551.00† -5.40 3.77
Intl Growth 551.80 586.20 +7.10
-do- Accum 612.70 651.00 +7.90
Japan & Gen 112.30 118.60 -0.10
-do- Accum 113.40 119.90 -0.20
Monthly Inc # 270.10 287.30† -2.40 3.81
-do- Accum # 286.70 305.00† -2.60 3.81
Managed Port Inc 148.10 155.90 -1.30 1.52
-do- Accum 164.90 173.60 -1.30 1.52
Quarterly Income # 72.21 77.10† -0.35 4.50
-do- Accum # 88.97 95.00† -0.43 4.50
UK Growth 90.43 96.20† -1.2? 1.20
-do- Accum 101.40 107.90† -1.40 1.20

FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS
Dealing 01722 715835 Enq 01722 715834
FP American 95.39 101.60 -1.50
FP Am Smlr Cos 235.00 250.60 -3.60
FP Asian Growth 134.80 143.70† -5.30
FP Australian 405.60 434.70 -4.90
FP Equity Dist 659.49 703.30 -11.50 1.36
-do- Accum 1516.00 1617.00 -27.00 1.36
FP Euro Gth 513.80 554.40 -8.00
-do- Accum 569.50 607.40 -8.90
FP Intl Bond 58.18 61.56 -3.01 3.94
FP Intl Gth Dist 51.95 55.41 -0.75
-do- Accum 76.58 81.68 -1.09
FP Pac Basin Acc 152.90 163.00 -3.00 0.04
FP Income # 81.84 87.29† -1.03 3.89
-do- Accum # 309.70 330.30 -4.10 3.98
FP Jap Smlr Cos 158.90 169.40 -2.20
FP Monthly Dist # 95.36 101.70† +0.60 4.47
FP Stg Deposit 100.00 100.00† 6.55
FP Tokyo 62.17 66.31 -3.37
FP UK Focus 61.79 65.90 +1.04 0.93
FP UK Growth 289.80 309.10† -5.30 0.87
-do- Accum 604.60 644.90 -11.00 0.87
Stewardship Dist 548.10 584.60 -1.20 1.29
-do- Accum 706.90 753.50 -1.50 1.29
Stewdshp Inc Dist # 87.19 93.00 -0.34 3.97
-do- Accum # 129.30 137.90 -0.50 3.97
Stewdshp Intern 187.50 200.00† -1.20
-do- Accum 202.30 215.70 -1.30
FP Exempt Trust
Inst Ethical In # 144.20 144.90† -1.70 2.17
Inst Ethical Ac # 150.00 150.70 -1.70 2.17
FP Managed Portfolio Service
Capital Gwth Acc 169.30 180.10 -0.60 0.43
Open Cap Gth Acc 165.90 176.40 +0.50
Cap Gth Inc Inc # 148.30 157.70 -0.40 2.44
Cap Gth Inc Acc # 162.40 172.70 -0.40 2.44
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic # 151.30 160.90 3.14
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac # 168.80 179.50 -0.10 3.14

GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
0345 561 106/7
GANDA 417.40 439.40 +4.70 1.66
Cash 49.70 50.45 -0.01 6.32
Income Portfolio 95.29 100.30 +1.07 2.26
GA Equity Gth 303.50 322.90 +2.50 0.85
GA European Gth 217.90 230.90 -2.40
GA Japan Gth 73.39 77.62 -0.23
GA Nth Amer Gth 370.60 390.10 +5.80
GA Intl Gth 161.30 171.20 -1.80

GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 9431
American Smlr Cos 287.70 306.90 -0.10 0.11
European Gth 1138.00 1208.00 +17.00 2.14
Euro Eq & Bd Inc 68.47 72.56 +0.57 2.56
-do- Accum 80.50 85.30 +0.66 2.56
High Yield # 56.68 59.89 -0.17 6.54
-do- Accum # 69.39 73.31 -0.21 6.54
Income Inc 266.70 285.30 +1.50 3.00
-do- Accum 319.30 341.50 -1.80 3.00
Intl Growth 440.80 466.80 +4.10 1.75
Intl Income 137.70 145.60† -1.40 1.75
Japan Growth 395.20 419.20 -2.20 0.03
Orient Acc 107.60 114.80 -3.80 0.26
UK Blue Chip Inc 280.70 300.10 -6.30 1.01
UK Blue Chip Acc 509.60 544.80 -11.40 1.01
UK Sm Cos Div Acc 98.45 105.30 -0.10 1.10
US Growth 294.98 311.60 +6.30

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421
UK Growth Funds
British Growth 82.24 87.87 -0.75 1.31
Practical Inv Inc # 157.42 168.36 -0.86 2.86
-do- Accum # 393.11 420.44 +2.17 2.86
UK Index 258.99 260.29 +2.64 2.34
UK Smaller Cos 290.91 311.13 -0.04 1.08
Income Funds
Extra Yield 25.77 27.74 -0.02 6.81
High Income 49.14 52.42 +0.53 3.66
UK Growth & Inc 224.30 239.92 +2.68 3.65
Global Bond 37.38 39.39† +0.04 5.64
International Funds
Emerging Markets 38.19 40.85 -0.79
Global Managed 176.71 187.43 -2.03 0.93
Gold & Intl Res 69.04 73.84† -1.34
Global Utilities 230.86 245.66† +6.02 1.21
Overseas Funds
American 287.36 304.04† +4.43
European 227.93 242.36 -1.51 6.44
Euro Sel Opps 382.65 407.16 -2.38
Amer Emerging 222.91 236.93 -2.51
Hong Kong 102.78 109.70 -3.66 3.84
Japan 133.29 140.33† -0.52
Pacific Growth 124.24 132.88† -3.55 1.35
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds
Cash Trust 159.13 159.13 +0.03 6.86
Managed Equity 337.42 337.42† -3.81 1.39
Long Term Bal 349.85 349.85† +2.96 2.31
Med Term Bal 289.15 289.15† +2.32 2.74
UK Equity 435.08 435.08 -5.48 1.13
UK Emerging Cos 210.44 210.44† -0.62 1.75
American 491.58 491.58 -6.30 0.23
Japan 34.16 34.16 -0.56
European 590.58 590.58 -5.89 0.77
Index Linked Gilt 229.15 229.15† -0.66 3.3?
Fixed Interest 274.74 274.74 -0.53 6.??
Amer Emerging 500.07 500.07 -5.83
Pacific 111.69 111.69† -3.19 2.10
Emerging Mkts 110.69 110.69 -3.29 1.??
Index Strat Japan 90.45 90.45 -1.45 0.49
-do- Pacific Rim 102.82 102.82 -2.75
-do- Cont Europe 317.43 317.43 -3.29 1.15
Index Strat USA 307.89 307.85 -4.76 0.3?
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds
Managed Equity 159.61 163.79 +1.92
Med Term Bal 138.54 147.38 -1.??
Long Term Bal 158.15 163.24 -1.??
UK Equity 203.82 216.82 -2.??
UK Emerging Cos 59.54 125.89 -0.??
American 228.88 243.49 -4.??
Japan 40.33 42.95 -0.??
European 246.66 262.40 -1.??
Fixed Interest 113.48 119.65 -0.??
Index Linked Gilt 102.16 108.58 -0.??
Deposit 97.08 103.?? -0.??
Broker Unit Trusts
EWH Intl 186.01 195.90 -1.34 2.43

GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990
Intl Gwth Inc ‡ 573.31
-do- Accum ‡ 991.25
European Gth Inc ‡ 254.54 3.22
Amalgam Inc 206.15 217.36
N Amer Gwth Inc ‡ 626.27
Far East Gth Inc ‡ 209.55
-do- Accum ‡ 218.62
UK Divid Inc ‡ 276.26 0.7?

GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD
0171 825 5806
European 944.30 1008.00 -14.??
Gilt & Fixed 142.40 152.30 -0.?? 4.??
Growth Equity 575.50 614.30 -5.50 3.??
Income Trust 210.66 224.30 -3.?? 3.??
International 262.10 280.30 -3.??
Japan Trust 94.12 99.37 -0.??
Nth American 520.20 554.10 -6.40
Pacific 303.30 302.60 -5.?? 1.45
Guardian 332.50 359.40 -4.??

GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD
0171 522 2129
European Bond 58.92 61.68
Global High Inc 90.35 92.??
Stlg Bond Pflo 117.42 121.98†
Capl Mgd Pflo 146.12 155.??
European Pflo 213.62
World Mkt Pflo 102.35 106.63
UK Eq Inc Pflo 202.93 215.76
-do- Accum 315.37 335.32
UK Opps 570.66 606.??
-do- Accum 704.10 743.70
Gl Wrld High Inc 166.24 169.34
UK Emerg Cos 271.38
Intl UK Sm Co 492.50
Glec Prv Tst 165.49 175.75
-do- Accum 173.25
Inc Share Tst 127.00 135.03
HK & China Tst 60.73 64.56
Blue Chip Pflo 352.36 375.17

HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD
Dealing 01884 617110
Balanced Inc 75.20 79.74
Balanced Acc 83.05
Growth 46.58 49.40
Growth Acc 49.23
Income 42.97
Income Acc 48.61
Accumulator Tst 39.12 42.36

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UF Port Acc 62.59 66.41

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Enquiries: 0645 494949 Dealing: 0645 464646
UK Funds
UF Enterprise 518.35 554.67 -5.74
Best of British 99.21 105.45 -1.51
UF Smaller Cos 223.38 -1.72
High Income Funds
Income & Growth # 424.49 452.08 -2.41 2.05
-do- Accum # 1268.31 1351.00 -11.49
High Income 473.60 506.63 3.46
Extra Income # 391.92 415.82 4.84
Fixd & Bond 61.55 5.45
International
Ethical 174.65 186.72 1.57
International 398.17 0.16
Global Bond 52.73 5.49
Intl Port Tst 127.25
Global Tech 336.21 357.05 +3.42
Overseas Funds
Asian Enterprise 126.61 135.29 -1.63 1.30
European 1082.37 1128.72 -11.95
European Income # 148.43 -1.38 2.56
Euro Smlr Cos 303.71 323.00 -4.18
European Value 139.90 148.74 -1.52
-do- Accum 151.59 160.73 -1.55
Japan Trust 129.64 137.92 -0.75
Japan Smlr Cos 163.71 173.15 -1.33
Pacific Smlr Cos 150.40 160.25 -3.73
North American 504.36 536.41 +9.13
American Smaller 251.16 270.52 -2.18

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0800 538053
British 181.82 190.38 +1.83 1.55
Capital 273.29 286.17 +3.21 0.91
Dollar 735.66 822.68 -12.69
Enterprise Gth 599.62 627.94 -4.16 0.61
European 455.77 477.25 -5.67
Far East 158.66 166.14 -5.17 1.17
Financial 1615.38 1691.42 -12.63 1.21
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc 29.34 30.51 +0.04 5.58
High Yield 155.71 163.05† +1.10 3.70
Income & Growth 234.57 245.62 +2.34 3.29
International 396.62 415.31 +4.73 0.35
Japanese General 139.77 146.83 -0.35
Japan Tech 62.85 65.81 -0.09
Nat Resources 54.88 57.46 +1.07 1.15
Portfolio 110.36 115.56 +0.86 2.38
Special Sits 293.18 306.99 +3.24 1.23
UK Emerging Cos 148.74 155.75 -0.18 1.05
US Smaller Cos 206.03 215.73† -1.48

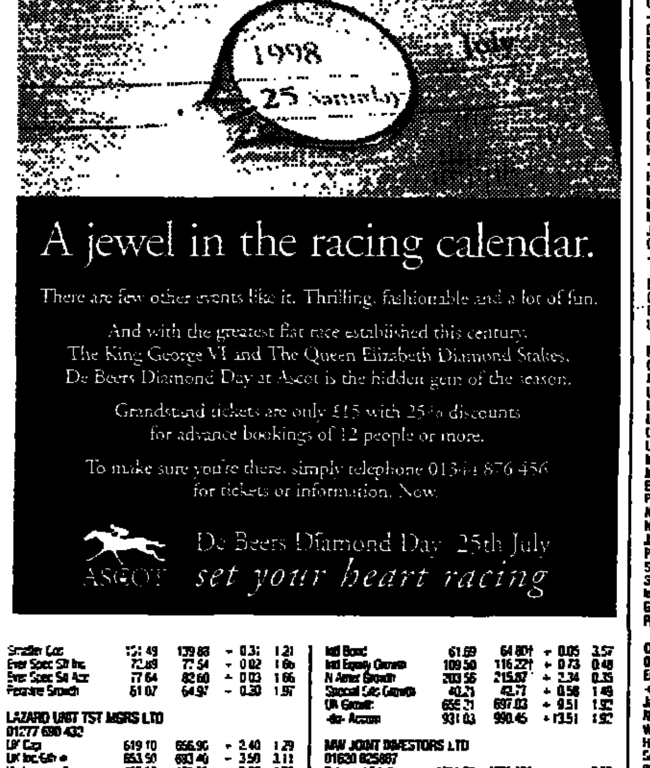
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Advisers 0800 181 890 Investors 0800 289 505
Active Funds-UK
Income # 897.40 957.70 +5.10 3.82
UK Growth 1005 1072 -14.00 1.27
High Income # 159.50 170.20† -0.70 4.85
Active Funds-International
American Gwth 935.50 998.60 -15.10
European Gwth 266.20 283.40 +3.60
Japan Gwth 201.90 214.60 -2.00
Japan Smlr Cos 17.73 18.92 -0.09
Asian 28.61 30.53 -0.88 0.66
Sing & Malay Gwth 26.78 28.58 -0.17
Hong Kong Gwth 118.20 126.00 -3.70 1.69
Global Bond 20.69 21.79† -0.37 4.72
Index Funds-UK
UF Index 241.30 242.50† +0.10 2.15
Trade Index 153.30 167.80 -0.10 2.04
THE FOOTSIE FUND 98.36 98.85† -1.14 1.64
Index Funds-International
American Index 463.20 465.50 -7.60 0.37
Eurotrack 100 327.60 329.30 +3.60 0.72
Japan Index 48.18 48.42 0.83 0.30
Tiger Index 71.60 73.41 -2.06 3.45

INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD
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UK Specialist Trusts
UF Smaller Cos 57.81 60.35 -0.13 1.09
General Funds
Managed Dist 115.50 120.60 -0.80 0.83
Managed 120.80 126.20 -0.90 0.83
Rupert Child Fnd 157.10 166.10 -2.10 0.84
UF Growth 98.15 102.50 -1.10 0.91
High Income Funds
UF Extra Inc # 123.10 122.0? +1.10 4.14
Gilt & Fixed Int # 29.47 30.45† -0.05 7.12
UF Inc & Gwth 68.88 71.94 -0.54 2.06
UF Income # 539.40 562.30 +5.40 3.04
Overseas Growth Funds
American Growth 89.09 92.15 -1.63
Amer Smlr Cos 206.80 215.10† -0.90
-do- Accum 209.00 217.40† -0.90
Europe Gth 451.30 470.80 +3.00
-do- Accum 467.50 487.70 +3.20
Euro Smaller Cos 79.67 82.95 -0.27
French Growth 158.60 164.60 +1.10 0.38
-do- Accum 171.70 178.10 +1.10 0.38
H Kong & China 77.72 80.58 -2.54 1.68
Intl Growth 88.25 91.86 -1.32 0.47
-do- Accum 90.04 93.73 -1.25 0.47
Japan Gth 18.95 19.75† -0.27
-do- Accum 18.95 19.79† -0.21
Japan Smaller Cos 19.65 20.57 -0.06
Glob Emg Mkts 74.98 78.31† -0.97 0.04
-do- Accum 75.96 79.33† +1.44 0.04
SE Asia 159.70 166.80 -4.30 1.55
Overseas Income Funds
Intl Bond # 50.39 51.95† -0.18 5.73

JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
Enq 0870 606 6457 Dealing 0870 606 6407
UF Income # 160.70 170.10 +3.70 2.51
UK Growth 168.90 178.60 -3.40 0.77
European Gwth 154.30 163.90† -1.90 0.15
Slater Growth 269.30 285.00 1.49
New Japan 62.65 66.51 -1.00
Global Growth 122.60 129.80 +2.30
Monthly Inc # 99.15 103.93† -0.10 7.48

JUPITER UT MGRS LTD
0171 581 3020
World Health 148.40 157.80† -3.50
Income # 302.16 321.44† +0.97 3.58
UK Growth 120.27 127.94† -0.37 1.38
Intl Growth 110.09 117.11 -0.16
Ecology 139.69 148.59 +0.91 8.55
European 321.97 341.89† +1.59 0.35
Far Eastern 221.60 235.80† -0.78
UK Special Sits 81.16 86.56 -0.23 0.25
Fd of Inv Tsts 68.44 72.93 -0.31 0.37
High Income # 69.37 73.98 -0.13 4.30
Financial Opps 74.62 79.58 -0.78 0.50
Growth & Income # 57.20 61.01 +0.31 2.36

LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT
0171 556 8800
Bridge Income # 431.60 459.15 +2.91 3.87
Esk Growth 146.87 156.24 0.44
Inc & Growth 99.40 105.74† +0.78 2.94



Smaller Cos 131.49 139.83 -0.31 1.21
Ever Spec Sit Inc 72.89 77.54 -0.02 1.60
Ever Spec Sit Acc 77.64 82.60 +0.03 1.66
Pension Growth 61.07 64.97 -0.30 1.97

LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD
01277 690 432
UF Cap 619.10 666.90 -2.40 1.29
UK Inc Gth # 653.50 693.40 -3.50 3.11
UK Income # 458.50 486.50 -2.30 4.08
UF Income Acc # 474.50 503.50 +2.40 4.05
UK Sm Cos 377.00 403.20 -0.60 1.76
Euro Grwt 260.50 275.60 -3.20 0.25
N Amer Gwth 171.40 181.20 -2.40
Pacific Growth 5.11 5.42† +0.16 0.32
Emg Mkts Gwth 62.53 66.34 +1.27
Japan Growth 42.07 44.64 -0.04
Dealing 01277 842626
Earth Port Inc 90.22 95.41 +0.38 0.49
Earth Port Acc 92.16 97.46 -0.39 0.48
Inc Port Inc 83.96 88.79 -0.32 1.07
Inc Port Acc 97.97 103.61 -0.38 2.90
World Port 66.95 72.51 -0.23

LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD
Enquiries: 01222 449412 Dealing: 01222 683512
Equity Dist 847.00 847.00 -7.10 1.69
-do- Accum 1797.00 1797.00 -15.00 1.60
Equity Income # 137.70 147.10 -0.90 2.98
UK Fixed Int Accum 94.06 94.06† -0.95 5.58
European 236.50 236.50 -2.10 0.94
Far Eastern 142.00 142.00 -0.50
Fixed Interest 60.79 60.79† -0.12 6.97
Gilt 100.90 100.90† +0.20 5.74
Global Growth 95.58 95.56† 0.05 0.06
Intl Bond 49.08 49.08 -7.18 4.79
Japanese 49.52 49.52 -0.40
North American 327.60 337.60 -5.30 0.02
Pacific Growth 63.09 63.09† +1.60 1.17
Pacific Index 25.97 25.97 -0.64 3.77
UK Index 111.50 115.30† -1.10 2.17
UF Recovery 157.50 157.50† -0.50 1.05
UK Smaller Cos 214.51 214.50† -0.30 0.93
US Index 134.36 134.70† -7.10 0.56
European Index 152.30 152.30 -1.50 0.57
Japan Index 24.73 24.75 -6.35 9.04
Worldwide Inc 127.70 127.70† +1.60 0.99

LINCOLN UNIT TRUST MGRS
01452 371 500 Dealing 01452 371 623
Growth 80.29 85.97† -0.66 2.01
Income 91.10 97.47† -0.73 3.51
Far East 73.09 77.90 -0.32 0.93
North American 188.90 201.00 -3.30
Global 108.10 115.40 -1.50 0.34
European 175.00 186.50 -2.90 0.25
Japan 61.07 65.08 -0.53
Intl Currency Bd 55.76 59.16 -0.72 4.65
UK Index 45.65 50.10 -1.33 1.40
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Recovery Trust 110.40 118.00 -0.30 2.35
Strategic 85.04 92.92 +3.73 1.23
Asia 51.24 51.24 +0.01 0.75

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American 485.07 511.18 -6.84
-do- Accum 532.67 563.04 -7.54
Brit Growth 179.60 190.06 -0.99 1.30
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European 208.05 220.16 +1.19
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-do- Accum 1127.08 1192.69 -6.35 1.54
Personal Income 56.55 59.81 -0.06 5.36
-do- Accum 154.99 163.34 -0.21 5.36
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Special Situations 96.30 91.82 -0.33 3.42
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-do- Accum 99.63 105.50 -0.65 1.23
Distribution Inc # 77.48 81.99 -0.30 3.65
-do- Accum # 89.19 94.37 -0.35 3.65
Worldwide Gwth 94.53 99.56 -0.56 0.42
-do- Accum 85.75 90.74 +0.57 0.48
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Hexagon 01634 834339 Dealing 01634 834313
Balanced 589.73 627.40 -9.50 1.63
-do- Accum 1444.90 1537.00 -21.06 1.63
Cont Euro Gth 128.90 136.60 -0.77 0.02
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-do- Accum 256.00 269.50 +1.90 0.08
Growth Port 899.80 957.30 +4.50 0.44
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Income Acc # 2395.00 2548.00 +42.00 3.03
Income Port 746.20 793.90 +8.00 3.56
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Japan Growth 72.19 77.44 -0.19
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Master Trust 87.47 93.06† +1.06 1.18
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Millennium Acc 130.70 139.10 3.66
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-do- Accum 450.40 479.20 +6.10 0.50
NAm Sm Co Rec 258.00 280.00 -0.60
-do- Accum 255.10 271.40 -0.60
Pacific Basin 132.40 140.96 +4.00 1.19
-do- Accum 142.70 151.90 +4.40 1.19
Safety First Acc 125.60 132.30 +1.70 1.12
Do until 19/3/99 ‡ 119.15
Small Cos Rec 625.50 658.50 -0.90 2.02
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UK Eq Inc # 188.20 200.30 -3.20 3.06
UK Growth 153.80 162.60† -2.50 1.39
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Worldwide Gth 481.30 512.10 -8.30 0.29
-do- Accum 712.40 757.80 +12.30 0.29

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Income 105.21 112.94 +1.28 3.40
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Cust Servs/Unit Dlg 01245 390 390
American 679.50 717.20 ... 0.62
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-do- Accum 189.58 199.90
Australasian 181.30 192.40 2.17
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Blue Chip # 98.40 98.93† 3.16
-do- Accum # 307.50 309.07† 3.16
British Opps 75.60 79.80 2.37
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Dividend 59.60 63.00 3.93
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Equity Income # 433.00 457.90 4.40
-do- Accum # 641.40 678.40 4.40
European 1018.60 1077.20† 0.33
-do- Accum 1318.90 1394.80† 0.33
Euro Dividend # 124.80 132.08 2.73
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Euro Smlr Cos 81.80 86.50† 0.50
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-do- Accum # 2293.60 2415.18 4.40
Fund of Inv Tsts 904.80 956.80† 0.89
-do- Accum 1782.30 1884.70† 0.89
Gilt Income 70.75 70.87 5.30
-do- Accum 235.13 235.53 5.30
Gold 34.70 36.70 0.58
-do- Accum 41.90 44.40 0.58
High Interest 25.19 25.19† 7.25
Income # 45.20 47.80† 3.83
-do- Accum # 207.80 220.00† 3.83
Intl Growth 101.70 107.50 0.89
-do- Accum 181.10 191.50 0.69
International Inc # 141.00 149.10 3.73
-do- Accum # 236.70 250.30 3.73
Japan 23.20 24.50 0.81
-do- Accum 24.90 26.30 0.81
Japan Smlr Cos 81.50 86.00 0.01
-do- Accum 82.00 86.80 0.01
Managed Gwth 32.90 33.16 1.22
Managed Income # 38.60 38.95† 3.93
Pension Ex 1493.50 1530.90 2.83
Recovery 62.10 65.70† 2.51
-do- Accum 111.80 118.30† 2.51
Smaller Cos 80.80 85.40 1.80
-do- Accum 173.80 183.80 1.80
Sth East Asia 198.70 210.10 2.84
-do- Accum 269.90 285.30 2.84
Trustee # 57.30 60.60 4.14
-do- Accum # 263.70 279.30 4.14
UK Equity # 88.50 94.60† 3.41
-do- Accum # 259.00 273.80† 3.41
UK Growth 1578.10 1668.80 1.45
-do- Accum 1799.00 1902.50 1.46

MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631
European Growth 173.86 184.97 -1.88 0.28
Intl Bond 61.69 64.80† +0.05 3.57
Intl Equity Growth 109.50 116.22† +0.73 0.48
N Amer Growth 203.56 215.87 +2.34 0.35
Special Sits Growth 40.21 42.73 +0.58 1.48
UK Growth 655.21 697.03 +9.51 1.92
-do- Accum 931.03 990.45 +13.51 1.92

MAW JOINT INVESTORS LTD
01620 825867
Balanced Fd # 1596.70 1606.30† 2.60
Income # 1326.20 1344.90 3.80

MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
0131 222 4242
Maldon General 213.80 219.00†

MANEX INVESTMENT MGMT LTD
0171 615 7070
Growth Fd Acc 113.50 121.10 -0.40

MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD
0800 363432
High Income # 108.50 117.90 +0.33 5.87
Investment Pflo 231.40 238.50† -1.59 1.60
-do- Accum 264.90 292.70† -1.90 1.60
UK Select Pflo 225.90 232.95† -1.30 1.34
-do- Accum 282.10 290.80† -1.70 1.34
UK 100 Cos 177.30 177.20 +1.00 1.39
-do- Accum 185.10 185.10 +1.10 1.39

MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD
01204 380 060
Managed Tst 83.70 89.04 2.47

MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD
0131 479 4646
Intl Income 108.80 115.56† -1.00 3.65
European 164.10 174.20 -1.05 0.19
Income # 113.80 120.60 -0.40 3.23
Nth American 113.60 122.70† +1.20 0.19
Far East 116.30 123.50† +1.80
Japan 49.08 52.08 -0.16
Emerg Mkts 69.38 74.84 -1.23 0.77
Intl Growth 143.90 153.10 +1.50 0.73
UK Growth 161.40 171.30 +1.00 1.59

MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD
0161 831 7433
Select Portfolio 122.10 129.90 -1.60

MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD
0171 556 6800
Income 674.51 717.99 -5.27 2.60
Global Inc 105.95 112.71 -0.92 5.10
Brit Leaders Inc 514.48 547.32 -4.52 1.69
Intl Leaders 322.75 343.35 -5.37 0.38

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD
Dealing: 0800 445522
American 435.90 463.70 -6.200
-do- Accum 476.40 455.90 -6.600
American Opps 160.30 169.60 +1.000
-do- Accum 162.30 171.80 +1.500
Bal Port 122.70 128.90 -1.300 2.31
-do- Accum 155.20 164.50 -1.700 2.31
British Blue Chip 140.10 148.60 -2.200 2.82
-do- Accum 186.60 197.90 -2.900 2.82
Cash 101.20 101.20 +0.100 6.94
-do- Accum 161.60 161.60 -0.100 6.94
Emerging Mkts 104.29 112.00† -1.100 0.27
-do- Accum 105.70 112.70† -1.200 0.27
European Growth 541.60 572.80 -6.400 0.09
-do- Accum 591.10 625.20 -6.900 0.09
General 797.60 846.60 -12.10 1.54
-do- Accum 1681.00 1785.00 -26.00 1.54
Global Bond 129.70 135.00 -0.200 4.30
-do- Accum 184.40 193.30 -0.100 4.30
Gold & General 113.70 122.00† +1.400 0.51
-do- Accum 117.70 125.40† +1.600 0.51
Gwt Securities 103.70 106.90† -0.200 4.68
-do- Accum 339.10 345.50† -0.300 4.68
High Yield Bd 112.90 115.50† -0.200 7.04
-do- Accum 137.30 134.30† -0.300 7.04
Income 261.50 275.20 -2.950 3.41
-do- Accum 460.60 493.90 -6.100 3.41
Inc Portfolio # 141.50 149.70† +1.400 4.21
-do- Accum # 156.50 175.70 -1.600 4.21
Intl Opps 683.60 725.50† -4.400 0.69
-do- Accum 943.50 1005.00† -5.200 0.69
Japan 129.20 137.40 +1.500
-do- Accum 133.70 141.10 -0.700
New Europe 345.90 369.70 -2.300 0.50
-do- Accum 365.00 389.30 -2.420 0.50
Pacific 54.23 57.25† -1.780 0.37
-do- Accum 58.52 62.56† -1.920 0.37
Recovery 500.90 531.30 -3.400 2.24
-do- Accum 790.10 843.60 -4.700 2.24
UF Smaller Cos 79.63 85.19 -1.820 1.32
-do- Accum 91.53 97.76 -2.210 1.32
Managed Gwth 155.80 161.90† +1.700 1.57
Managed Inc 145.90 155.50† +1.600 1.55

MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126 Mon-Fri 8am-6pm
Balanced 85.61 92.79 +0.98 2.54
-do- Accum 101.60 105.80 +1.10 2.54
British Fd 153.60 161.00 +2.20 1.12
-do- Accum 190.90 199.90 +2.60 1.12
Corp Bond Inc 108.70 112.60 +0.20 5.81
-do- Accum 121.80 126.20 +0.20 5.81
Extra High Inc # 93.50 98.32† -0.50 5.46
-do- Accum # 221.10 231.50† -0.70 5.46
FTSE 100 Acc 108.40 113.50† +1.30 1.70
FTSE 100 Dist 97.98 102.60† +1.20 1.70
Gilt & Fxd Int 61.28 63.69† -0.16 5.67
-do- Accum 213.08 221.60† -0.50 5.67
High Yield # 323.60 338.80 +0.90 5.18
-do- Accum # 971.60 1017 +2.90 5.18
Household Names 142.60 143.30 -1.40 1.11
Income # 451.50 472.80 +2.30 3.38
-do- Accum # 1115 1166 +7.00 3.38
Money Market UT 49.67 49.67 6.51
-do- Accum 90.42 90.42 6.51
Monthly Income 128.90 135.00† -0.40 3.60
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust
British 197.50 210.10† +1.90 1.57
European Growth 240.30 254.70† +0.30
Gilt & Fixed 121.10 128.50† +0.40 5.43
Income 151.30 161.00† -0.90 3.11
Japan Growth 31.78 33.69† +1.96
Managed 110.08 117.00† +0.90 2.05
Money Market 105.50 111.80† 5.76
North American 162.20 171.90† -0.30
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust
British 180.30 191.80† +2.00 1.56
European Growth 225.70 238.70† +0.30
Gilt & Fixed Inc 112.30 119.10† +0.30 5.44
Income 148.60 158.10† +0.90 3.08
Japan Growth 31.86 33.77† +1.95
Managed 105.60 112.30† +0.90 2.03
Money Market 97.17 103.00† 5.77
North American 145.00 153.70† -0.30
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust
British 178.70 190.10† +1.90 1.56
European Growth 219.50 232.60† +0.30
Gilt & Fixed Int 99.79 105.80† +0.20 5.60
Income 145.30 154.60† +0.80 3.18
Japan Growth 32.51 34.46† +2.00
Managed 109.20 115.10† +0.90 2.84
Money Market 87.05 92.27† 5.77
North American 161.78 171.40† -0.30

MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD
Dealers: 0171 545 7474 Enquiries: 0171 545 7171
American Gwth 721.10 763.10† +13.90
European Gth Inc 843.10 893.70† -8.30
-do- Accum 852.30 903.50† +8.40
UK Equity Inc 304.30 323.30 +3.60 2.28
Do Accum 435.90 463.40 +5.20 2.28
UK Growth Inc 185.10 196.50 +2.00 2.44
-do- Accum 193.70 207.70 +2.00 2.44
UK Ind Trckr Inc 279.40 297.70 +2.80 2.15
-do- Accum 357.30 380.80 +3.70 2.15
US Eq Ind Trk Inc 444.80 470.90† +8.70 0.89
Asian Tiger 103.00 111.40 +3.00 0.58
Mngd Pfolio Inc 243.60 259.20† +2.30 1.36
Mngd Pfolio Acc 274.10 291.60† +2.60 1.36
Europa 326.00 347.40 +2.70
High Income 21.78 23.08† +0.09 10.00
Japan Growth 74.23 79.35 -0.44
UF Blue Chip Acc 157.10 167.20† +2.10 1.44
All-Wld Eq Acc 96.32 102.80 -0.60
Wld Opps Gth Acc 92.86 98.81 -0.27 1.00
Wld Opps Gth Inc 92.86 98.81 -0.27 1.00

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT
0345 030 833
American Growth 82.38 84.18 +0.86
Equity Income # 142.70 146.60† +1.70 3.32
European 137.40 139.98 +1.40
Smaller Cos 105.30 111.90 -0.50 0.78
W'wide Eqty 97.83 98.79 +1.03 0.02
Global Bond 41.19 41.63 +0.02 4.30
UK Growth 151.00 155.20 +1.70 1.06
Pacific Growth 62.09 63.83† +1.49 2.09
Japan Growth 81.82 83.16
OEICS
Portfolio Acc A ‡ 52.41 +0.58 1.61
Portfolio Inc A ‡ 52.15 +0.58 1.61
Gilt Acc A ‡ 51.81 +0.12 6.00
Gilt Inc A ‡ 51.26 +0.12 6.00

NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010
Avon Equity 216.08 229.87 +1.10 1.59

NPI INVESTMENT MGRS
0171 623 4200
Americas Dist 175.30 184.50 +3.70 0.01
European Dist 256.40 268.60† +1.60 0.13
Far East Dist 106.90 112.50 +1.80 0.05
Global Care Dist 121.49 127.80† +1.30 0.08
Oseas Dist 1234.50 1299.50 +9.90 0.18
-do- Accum 1606.50 1691.00 +13.80 0.18
UK Dist 612.60 645.00 +7.20 1.10
-do- Accum 1284.10 1351.70 +15.20 1.10
UK Extra Inc Dist 131.00 137.90 -1.10 2.02
Wwide Dist 138.40 145.70 +0.80 0.11
Wwide Inc Dist 108.70 114.40 +0.50 1.48

NATWEST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Dlg: 0870 601 6147 Admin Enq: 0870 603 9188
Europe Inc 133.66 141.07 +0.94 0.47
Fund of Funds Inc 86.62 91.42† -0.65 0.82
North America Inc 94.24 99.46 +1.55
UK Equity Gth Inc 100.08 105.63 +0.54 0.93
-do- Accum 111.73 117.92 +0.59 0.93
UK General Inc 94.78 99.98 +1.00 1.02
-do- Accum 109.19 114.18 -1.15 1.02
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc 50.06 52.72† -0.09 5.84
UK Income Inc 92.17 97.28 +0.91 1.59
UK Smlr Cos Inc 160.46 169.35 +0.03 1.18

NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD
Enquiries: 0800 614 330 Dealing: 0500 440 000
American 75.43 80.24 +0.69
-do- Accum 76.01 80.86 +0.70
Intl Bond 139.14 147.66† +0.61 4.60
Cash Income 50.46 50.46 6.62
-do- Accum 75.14 75.14 +0.01 6.62
Challenger 108.11 115.56 +1.17 1.50
Distributor 150.03 159.60† +1.20 1.86
European 107.08 113.91† +1.64
Eqty H, Gilt 187.93 198.01 +0.39 2.28
Foundation 150.67 160.28 -0.32 0.81
Managed Inc 301.35 320.58† +3.13 0.61
Managed Acc 310.34 330.14† +3.22 0.61
Growth Inc 200.52 213.31 +2.86 0.65
Growth Acc 218.28 232.70 +3 0.65
Higher Income Inc # 47.43 50.45 -0.39 3.99
-do- Accum # 61.24 65.14 +0.51 3.99
High Yield Bond # 101.49 105.94† +0.25 6.82
Income 410.44 436.63† +4.59 2.61
Intrepid 195.05 208.17 +2.30 0.89
Intl Gwth 50.23 53.43 +0.24
Japan 22.35 23.77 +0.04
Oriental Inc 91.66 97.51 +3.80 0.67
-do- Accum 95.03 101.09 +3.94 0.67

NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD
0191 285 2555
High Income # 61.67 62.63† +0.34 5.16
UK Growth 150.89 153.40 2.35

NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS
01603 682 234
Master Trust 181.04 190.57 +1.66 1.16
UK Equity 243.62 256.44 +2.71 1.59
UK Equity Income # 211.49 222.62† +1.46 4.18
UK Smaller Cos 189.95 199.95† -1.04 1.25
UK Equity Growth 222.24 233.94 +1.98 0.49
UK Index Trckg 244.35 257.89 +1.52 1.85
Intl Index Trckg 222.03 234.33 +2.78 0.47
International 353.31 371.90 +4.09 0.78
European 432.75 455.53 +4.63 0.10
Pan European 258.99 272.62† +2.06 0.88
Nth American 348.85 368.26 +5.87 0.04
N Amer Smlr Cos 400.94 422.04† +4.08
Japanese 64.43 67.82† -0.43 1.18
Pacific 142.67 150.18† +1.72 2.37
South East Asian 143.32 150.86 +4.10 3.44
Sterling Bond 111.38 117.22† +0.29 5.69
Intl Bond 122.81 129.27 +0.39 3.78
Gilt & Convertible 128.28 135.61† +0.36 5.55
Property 95.56 101.63† -0.02 4.68

OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD
01256 768 888
European Inc 545.60 582.50 +4.40 0.53
-do- Accum 580.90 620.30 +4.70 0.53
Japan Inc 69.24 73.33 -1.21
Nth American Inc 256.10 270.90 +5.60
Worldwide Inc 253.50 269.00 +3.60
HF & China Inc 110.60 118.20 +4.10 2.47
Swiss Equities Inc 149.10 158.90 +1.20
Wwide Bond Inc 68.59 72.44 -0.11 7.35
Emrging Asia Inc 87.97 94.78 -2.83 3.67
-do- Accum 88.64 95.43 -2.85 3.97
UK Money Mkt Inc 50.46 50.46 6.54
Thailand Inc 27.32 29.76 +1.96 0.06
Intl Mngd PEP Inc 96.74 103.40 +0.60 0.31
Latin Am Grop Inc 68.25 73.18 +2.25 0.79
UK All Str Mkt Inc 101.40 108.00 +1.10 1.55
Basket Unit Trusts
Wwy Global Blue 101.10 107.50 +0.20 0.41
Global Portfolio 87.64 93.73† +0.46
Wwy Global Red 77.20 82.13 +0.29
Match Global Gth 72.11 76.47 +0.52 0.90
AMR Brit Gwth Inc 160.90 172.30 +1.40 0.31
Temple Equity Inc 59.53 64.00† +0.78 0.73
Horizon Growth 181.50 193.10 -0.50 1.35
IPS Portfolio Inc 121.90 129.00 +8.60
UFC Growth 81.34 86.07 +1.91 0.73
Chatfield Port of Fds 58.87 62.46 0.12
Ppy Intl Equity 91.71 98.09† +0.92 0.14

PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 01733 470 470
Equity 398.10 424.50† +7.20 1.04
-do- Accum 904.70 962.40 +16.40 1.04
Growth 264.00 277.90 +4.90 1.39
Income 381.60 405.90 +4.80 2.99
Intl Equity 361.50 384.50 +5.60 0.10
-do- Accum 406.00 431.80 +6.20 0.10
Equity Income # 100.60 107.00† -0.10 4.29
Equity Growth 138.30 147.10 +2.60 0.67
New Europe 171.03 181.56 +2.30

PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT
01491 417 000
Intl Growth Inc 877.42 935.91 +3.85 0.43
-do- Accum 886.49 945.59 -3.09 0.43
Income # 647.15 690.08 +1.32 3.21
Wwide Recovery 581.12 620.93 +1.70 0.54
Amer Growth Inc 413.47 439.14 +1.59
-do- Accum 413.42 439.14 +1.59
Intl Emerging Cos 358.75 375.14 +0.78 0.17
Far East Gth Inc 201.68 215.71 +2.69 1.73
-do- Accum 205.74 230.05 +2.94 1.73
Euro Gwth Inc 320.77 342.02 +1.46 0.15
-do- Accum 321.89 343.20 +1.49 0.15
UF Growth Inc 160.09 171.19 +0.41 2.08
-do- Accum 179.30 191.74 +0.46 2.08
High Income # 166.24 177.68† +0.50 3.53
Jap Gwth Inc 135.84 144.37 +0.12
-do- Accum 135.04 144.37 -0.12
PEP Bond 69.87 71.97 -0.11 7.20
PEP Growth 197.65 210.86 -1.02 0.47
Asian Sk Mkts Inc 67.01 71.07 +1.81 0.75
-do- Accum 67.61 72.12 +1.83 0.75
Amer Smlr Co Inc 275.86 293.03 -1.07
-do- Accum 275.06 293.03 -1.07
Global Bond 53.74 57.02 -0.10 5.00
UK Smaller Cos Inc 137.66 147.24† -0.18 1.58
-do- Accum 151.07 161.51 -0.18 1.58
Lat Am Gwth Inc 34.36 36.70 +0.69 0.67
-do- Accum 34.92 37.29 -0.70 0.67
World Inc PEP # 52.92 56.01† +0.20 3.58

PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
0191 201 3827
American 184.00 196.30† -0.96
European 153.81 163.42 -0.43
Global 48.18 51.26† +0.12
Pacific 34.14 36.18 -0.49
UK Inc & Grp 110.84 117.69 -0.78 1.06

PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 0171 588 8880
Asia 32.82 34.35 +0.31
Emerg Mkts 37.89 39.79 -0.32 0.43
Euro Fund 67.63 71.19† -0.26
Fund of Funds 242.50 255.38† +0.70 0.82
High Income # 65.45 68.89† +0.61 5.05
Performance 60.14 63.31 +0.30

PREMIER PORTFOLIO MGRS LTD
01483 456 032
Dividend 149.60 160.08 +1.50 3.02
Int Gth & Inc 334.00 355.30† +5.10
UK & Eur 70.35 74.50 +0.95 0.16
Fund of Funds 90.47 96.21 +0.45
Prem Bal Growth 63.53 66.97 -0.67 0.06
Enterprise 143.70 148.10† +0.60 1.59

PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
01752 740 700
Principal Tst 227.30 -0.44 1.73

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PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
UT Dealing: 0345 406000 Client Enq: 0345 835500
Managed Inc 54.13 58.09 -0.40 1.94
Cash Haven Inc 101.59 102.08† -0.01 6.48
Cash Haven Acc 139.53 120.17 +0.02 6.48
Dist Trust Inc 130.11 138.83 +0.71 4.56
Dist Trust Acc 157.31 162.02 +0.85 4.56
Global Growth 130.99 139.75 -1.29 0.57
Equity Inc 114.36 121.66† +0.63 3.50
Equity 1229.86 1308.36 +9.28 1.27
European 454.12 470.59† +5.33 0.19
High Income 114.17 121.48† +0.67 4.51
Intl Gth 263.38 280.19 +3.05 0.79
Intl Sm Co 106.98 113.81 +0.86 0.85
Japanese 129.57 127.81 -0.53
Mngd Income Tst # 51.14 52.90† -0.06 7.45
Nth Amer 349.87 361.87† +6.07 0.57
Pacific Mkts 67.85 70.31 -2.02 2.48
Premier Inc 51.55 53.65 +0.11 0.69
Sm Cos 133.14 141.64 -0.51 1.16
Spec Sits 168.48 179.23† +1.13 1.56
UK Growth 208.60 222.01 -1.56 7.24

QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
0171 556 6800
Hi Inc Inv Inc 119.18 126.65 +0.28 2.82
Investment Trust 153.55 163.18 +4.22 0.31
UF Smaller Cos 140.00 148.78† -0.28 1.51

RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD
01892 510 033
British Life 497.60 527.80 +9.10 2.04

ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT
Dealers: 0171 623 1000 Client Services: 0800 124 314
Five Arrows Portfolio Fund
Asia Pacific 28.71 29.98† +0.53
Cash 48.18 50.18† -0.01 5.40
Emerging Mkts 38.39 40.09† +0.46
Europe 102.30 108.70† -0.60
Global Fixed Int # 49.42 51.81† -0.06 4.66
Japan 28.55 29.81† -0.79
North America 96.62 100.90† +0.20
UK 94.08 98.25† +0.68
UF Equity Inc # 82.20 85.84† +0.42 2.70
UK Fixed Int # 55.62 58.08† +0.10 6.13
Portfolio Service PEP
Independent Gwth 68.99 72.82 +0.43
Independent Inc # 67.56 71.11 +0.36 2.52
Five Arrows Global Investment Funds
A Shares
Asian Opps ‡ 28.25 † -0.09 0.98
Asia Pacific ‡ 29.10 † +0.62 1.27
Europe ‡ 62.66 † +0.66
Japan ‡ 38.15 † +0.02
Latin America ‡ 39.48 † +1.02 0.28
North America ‡ 67.37 † +0.81
UK Eq Income # 57.57 † +0.68 4.18
UK Major Cos ‡ 60.10 † +0.98 0.54
UK Smaller Cos ‡ 64.13 † -0.07 0.68

ROYAL & SUN ALLIANCE UT MGMT LTD
Enq: 0870 601 6185 Dealing: 0870 601 6063
Royal & Sun Alliance Trusts
Equity 1635.00 1730.80 +17.00 1.12
Equity Income # 157.30 166.40† +1.50 3.60
European 291.70 308.60 +3.30
High Inc Bond 51.39 51.47 -0.61 5.85
Portfolio 153.20 162.10 +1.40 1.14
UK Index Trckg 287.00 303.60 +3.40 2.78
UK Leading Cos 122.80 129.70† +1.40 1.63
UK Smaller Cos 163.50 173.00† -0.10 1.01
Royal Life Trusts
High Inc Dist 237.60 251.40 +2.10 2.77
Intl Cautionary 74.18 78.86 +0.28 3.66
Intl Growth 103.40 109.40† +1.20
Managed 249.80 264.10 -2.50 0.42
Pacific Basin 54.76 58.23 +0.40 0.66
United States 199.70 211.30 +1.60 0.25
Sun Alliance Trusts
Far East 115.70 122.40 +1.10 1.34
Wwide Bond 55.58 58.42 +0.14 5.07

ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
01206 784 400
American Growth 289.20 306.80 +5.30 0.83
European Growth 279.10 296.00 +1.60 0.92
Far East Growth 78.26 83.26† -0.11 2.62
Japan Growth 82.72 87.96 +3.61 0.56
Special Sits 284.80 302.90 -0.90 1.82
Uk Growth 147.80 157.20† +1.40 1.93
Intl Growth 365.90 389.30 +5.30 1.45

ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD
0141 307 6500
Far East Inc 98.56 104.20 +1.40 1.26
Gtr Euro Prog Inc 656.70 694.90 +2.70 0.96
-do- Accum 1038.00 1098.00 +4.00 0.96
Growth Inc 209.50 221.70 +1.00 0.97
-do- Accum 215.60 228.20 +1.00 0.97
International Inc 558.80 591.30 +3.50 0.72
-do- Accum 775.10 820.20 +4.80 0.72
Nth Am & Intl Inc 533.80 564.90 +2.30 0.45
UK Gen Prog Inc 386.50 409.00 +1.90 1.36
-do- Accum 454.80 481.30 +2.30 1.36
UK High Inc Inc 208.00 220.10 +1.70 3.70

SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD
0171 330 0572
European Gwth 154.69 164.56 +1.69 1.00
Global Bd 60.19 63.55 -0.03 5.80
UK Gwth 135.98 144.66 +1.51 1.75

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP
Clients: 0800 829 100 Brokerline: 0800 727 770
Amer Smlr Cos 194.50 208.90 +1.20
Cash 147.90 147.90† 6.79
China Dragon 44.68 47.52 +1.70 1.73
Commodity 99.82 106.20 +1.80
Emerging Mkts 33.14 35.26† +0.96 0.48
European Gwth 398.00 423.40 +3.50
Euro Smlr Cos 108.00 114.90 +0.60
Extra Income # 73.62 78.29 -0.56 4.75
Far Eastern 63.98 68.06† +1.24
FE Sm Cos 33.18 35.30† +0.64 0.32
Financial Secs 490.90 522.20 +8.50 0.42
Gold & Exploration 32.12 34.17 +0.87
Growth 542.30 545.50 +11.30 0.40
High Income 54.31 54.31 +0.05 6.90
Intl Bond 156.60 165.30 +0.20 4.79
ITU 292.10 310.70 +3.40 0.50
Japan Growth 115.70 122.90 +0.90
Japan Smaller 96.91 103.10 +1.40
Korea 15.16 16.13 +0.39
Latin America 42.26 44.96† +1.29 0.44
Netherlands 83.69 84.11† +0.89 0.74
Premier Eq Gth 255.50 271.80† +3.90 0.79
Premier Eq Inc # 519.20 562.30† +6.30 3.40
SE Asia 24.00 25.53 +0.89 0.91
Southern Africa 36.77 39.12 +1.67 1.09
UK & O'seas 258.90 275.40† +3.60 0.61
UK Eqty Gth 125.10 133.10 +1.70 0.82
UK Eqty Inc # 367.70 391.20† +4.10 3.52
UK Gth & Inc # 450.30 479.00 +8.40 2.14
UK Sm Cos 79.32 84.38 -0.14 0.18
US Growth 328.80 349.70 +6.70
New Europe ‡ 45.96 +0.13

SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Clnt: 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 540
Retail Funds
American 523.83 553.98 +3.71 0.31
-do- Accum 583.69 617.04 +4.13 0.31
European Gwth 146.31 154.98† +0.48 0.39
Euro Smlr Cos 161.79 171.50† +0.09 0.02
-do- Accum 163.51 173.97† +0.08 0.02
Far Eastern Gth 72.49 77.22 +0.87 0.18
-do- Accum 73.87 78.79 +0.90 0.18
Gilt & Fixed Int # 58.57 61.80 +0.22 6.81
Global Bond # 43.37 44.77† -0.08 5.80
-do- Accum # 57.05 58.94† -0.12 5.80
Global Emer Mkts 39.76 42.41 +0.69 0.01
-do- Accum 39.90 42.55 +0.69 0.01
Income # 562.00 599.46 +2.33 4.00
-do- Accum # 2008.37 2143.33 +8.33 4.00
Japan Smlr Cos 188.41 200.97† +0.58
-do- Accum 188.79 201.38† -0.59
Japan Enterprise 43.50 46.40 -0.56
Pacific Gwth 78.00 83.19 +2.80 1.16
-do- Accum 81.85 87.30 +2.94 1.16
Portfolio 118.90 126.34 +0.62 1.77
-do- Accum 135.23 143.60 +0.71 1.77
Seoul 11.82 12.60† +0.11 0.01
-do- Accum 11.82 12.60† +0.11 0.72
Strategic Inc 125.01 133.97 +0.85 1.86
Strategic Acc 128.99 137.21 +0.88 1.86
Tokyo 96.00 102.40 -2.08
-do- Accum 96.97 103.44 -2.10
UK Enterprise 448.24 478.12† +5.82 1.56
-do- Accum 575.68 614.04† +7.47 1.56
UK Equity 416.34 444.09† +3.24 1.25
-do- Accum 873.98 932.21† +6.79 1.25
UK Smaller Cos 456.97 487.43† -0.50 0.76
-do- Accum 551.51 588.27† -0.61 0.76
US Smlr Cos 367.97 391.84 +1.84
-do- Accum 367.97 391.84 +1.84
Institutional Funds
European 474.08 491.02 +5.64 0.85
-do- Accum 542.69 562.08 +6.48 0.85
Euro Smlr Cos 50.94 53.86† +0.52 0.91
-do- Accum 55.77 58.19† +0.58 0.91
Global Equity Inc 121.72 126.14 +1.59 0.91
Japan Smlr Cos 19.38 20.16† +0.25 0.29
-do- Accum 19.62 20.43† +0.25 0.29
Mngd Balanced 275.09 286.22 +2.18 2.71
-do- Accum 335.90 349.49 +2.66 2.71
Overseas Equity 249.39 259.63† +2.98 0.86
-do- Accum 266.23 276.30† +3.17 0.86
Oseas Smlr Cos 141.72 147.82 +1.83 4.13
-do- Accum 151.68 157.99 +1.85 4.13
Pacific 141.64 147.54 +3.07 2.93
-do- Accum 161.42 168.15 +3.50 2.93
Recovery 3091.31 3220.11 -6.44 2.64
-do- Accum 3531.13 3678.25 +7.36 2.64
UF Index 267.30 278.52† +1.73 2.36
-do- Accum 360.27 375.28† +2.33 2.36
UK Small Cos 182.12 189.70 +0.02 2.25
-do- Accum 208.32 216.99 -0.02 2.25
US Smlr Cos 83.81 86.95 0.42
-do- Accum 86.71 89.95 0.42

SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD
0141 204 2200
Equity Income 83.29 88.08 -0.87 1.33
Equity Trust 113.86 119.56 +1.36 1.92
Equity Strategy 115.20 121.82 +1.05 1.09
European Opps 171.69 181.77 +2.63 0.31
UK Smaller Cos 95.24 100.72 -0.46 0.88
Movement Inc 100.30 102.91 5.88
Japanese 46.79 49.48 -0.22
Asia Pacific 68.18 72.10 +1.73 1.92
American 196.80 207.87 +2.84 0.49

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD
0800 454 422
Cash 36.36 36.26 +0.01 7.01
UK Eq Gwth Inc 85.83 91.43 -0.71 2.01
-do- Accum 119.36 127.15 -1.00 2.01
Intl Income 394.33 419.15 +4.37 1.17
-do- Accum 708.42 753.80 +8.56 1.17
European 173.99 194.02 -1.49 0.79
Japan 45.81 48.52 -0.61
American 161.51 170.73 +2.61 0.64
Far East Tact 49.79 52.48† -1.44 2.07
Ethical Inc 51.75 55.28† +0.78 1.38
-do- Accum 61.29 65.55† +0.34 1.38
UK Blue Chip Inc 57.35 61.18 +0.63 1.98
-do- Accum 71.54 76.31 +0.78 1.98
UK Equity Inc 60.69 64.74 +0.63 3.06
-do- Accum 93.27 99.49 +0.97 3.06
UK Global Inc 68.04 72.59 -0.70 1.23
-do- Accum 75.57 80.61 -0.77 1.23
Wwide Tact 115.88 123.23 +1.57 0.92
Europe Tactical 127.15 135.61† -0.74 0.47
Technology 230.52 244.80 +1.56 0.31
Dist Inc 31.48 33.40† +0.17 4.92
-do- Accum 34.52 36.82† +0.48 4.92
UK Ind Bd Inc 27.07 28.60 +0.06 6.80
-do- Accum 30.06 31.79 -0.07 6.80

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
0131 225 2211
UK Equity 732.80 779.90 +8.20 1.52
American 530.80 561.70 +6.60 0.06
Pacific 266.40 285.40 +1.50 0.32
European 1020.90 1084.70 +8.60 0.47
Worldwide 109.70 116.70 -0.50 0.25

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD
0141 248 6100
UF Equity Inc 465.90 495.00 +5.30 1.61
-do- Accum 637.00 677.80 +7.20 1.61
UK Str Co Eq Inc 303.30 322.60 -0.70 1.76
-do- Accum 382.70 407.10 -1.00 1.76
Select Equity Inc 115.70 123.70† +1.10 1.28
Income Plus Inc 121.10 128.80† -0.90 3.18
European Inc 701.00 743.90† +5.90 0.84
-do- Accum 843.20 893.60 +6.00 0.84
Far Eastern Inc 96.60 101.70† +2.05 2.05
-do- Accum 112.40 119.50 +2.70 2.05
Japanese Inc 41.50 44.10† -0.24
Nth American Inc 521.50 553.40 -8.30
-do- Accum 577.70 613.10 -9.20
Intl Growth Inc 274.30 291.40 +3.00 0.51
Wwide Venture Inc 121.40 129.08† -2.00 0.40

SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT
0131 668 3724
Equity Inc 619.70 654.70 +7.50 1.61
-do- Accum 977.40 1033.00 +12.00 1.61
UK High Inc # 293.20 309.80 -3.20 3.30
-do- Accum # 474.50 501.30 -5.20 3.30
Europe Inc 792.80 837.40 -9.80 0.35
-do- Accum 844.70 892.40 -10.50 0.35
Nth Amer Inc 468.00 494.30 -8.43
Global Inc 332.60 351.40 -5.90 0.03
Global Acc 361.10 381.50 -6.50 0.03
UK Spec Sits Inc 172.30 182.18 -1.60 1.24
South East Asia 99.44 105.10 -4.50 1.12
Cash Trust Inc 100.40 100.40 6.69
UK Smlr Cos Inc 144.70 152.90 -0.70 1.79
-do- Accum 155.80 164.80 -0.60 1.76
Intl Bond Inc 87.93 92.36 -0.10 3.06
International Strat 100.50 106.40 -0.10 0.13

SHARP (ALBERT E)
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010
European 262.50 276.30† +3.00 0.13
Nth American 201.00 211.50† -2.60
Intl Bond & Conv 137.80 144.90 +0.20 5.51
Pooled Pension 329.40 354.20 -9.20 1.80
Smaller Cos 151.50 159.50 -5.70 0.86
Uk General # 235.60 248.00 -3.70 1.73
Far Eastern 52.07 54.81 -0.27 1.08

SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
0171 626 6226
Continental 150.90 159.10 -2.00 0.70
Global Gwth 107.80 113.60 -1.20 2.51
Inv 1st Port 74.66 78.71 -0.73 1.80
Managed 1747.38 1825.64† +17.97 2.00
Pref Inc # 116.30 123.86† -0.30 6.90
Smaller Cos 331.70 352.80† -1.30 0.80
Inland SIB Recognized
Uk Equity Inc ‡ 125.91 † -0.73 3.32
Sterling Reserve ‡ 100.31 † -0.01 7.37
Corporate Inc ‡ 107.74 † -0.03 6.38
Tai Pan ‡ 61.44 -1.66
Aztec ‡ 69.35 -1.87
Amer Gth Fund ‡ 200.85 -3.01
European ‡ 265.48 +1.67
Global Bond ‡ 90.22 -0.29 5.78
Samurai ‡ 38.80 -0.22
UK Growth ‡ 144.66 +1.25 2.76
UK Emerg Leaders ‡ 109.02 -0.31 2.69
Investment Trust ‡ 141.75 -1.04 1.78
The Football Fd ‡ 79.82 -0.06
Reserve Roll Up ‡ 104.85 -0.10
Dmark Reserve ‡ 97.60 † -0.13 2.02

SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS
0171 637 5377
American 648.40 685.00 -1.00
Capital 196.40 207.80 +2.60 0.83
Cash 101.65 101.65 +0.01 6.83
European 250.10 264.50† -3.50
Far Eastern 115.20 121.90 -2.70 0.60
Growth 238.30 252.30 -3.00 1.15
Income # 187.80 198.70 -1.20 4.77
Magnum 197.70 209.10† -2.50 0.95
Smlr Secs 817.60 865.30 -2.40
Thoroughbred 233.40 246.90† -2.30 0.91

SOCIETE GENERALE UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Dealing Desk 08000 276 2436
UK Growth Acc 96.73 102.91 +0.80 1.46
Technology 99.70 105.30 -1.30

SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0800 73 11 093
Capital Prtnrs 68.11 71.24 -0.10 6.50
Ethical 104.10 111.30 -0.10 0.70
European Growth 133.70 141.70 -0.60 0.04
Income # 79.49 85.01 -0.21 3.46
Intl Growth 137.30 145.50 -1.50 0.07
Managed 129.60 137.30 +1.50 0.10
UK Growth 91.45 97.80 -0.33 0.86

STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS
0800 33 33 53
Standard Life Fund Mngrs Ltd
Global Advig Inc 59.30 59.60 1.38
Global Advig Acc 65.32 65.63 1.38
Income Advig Inc 48.65 49.10† 2.73
Income Advig Acc 60.11 60.42† 2.73
UK Equity Gth Acc 152.00 161.80 0.86
Premier Inc Inc 54.75 56.67† 5.96
Premier Inc Acc 64.53 66.79† 5.96
Managed Acc 81.90 86.82 1.44
UK Eq HI Inc Inc 56.87 60.29 3.67
UK Eq HI Inc Acc 79.72 84.51 3.67
Uk Ethical 54.49 56.40 0.91
UK Smlr Cos Acc 73.94 78.38 0.73
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd
UK Equity Gen Acc 117.40 124.80 1.05
UK Equity Gen Inc 82.15 87.29 1.05
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc 35.13 37.15 5.36
Oseas Lrg Co Acc 425.70 451.90 2.10
Nth American Acc 83.20 88.41 0.11
Pacific Basin 25.58 27.18 1.88
European Acc 90.59 96.26
Japan Acc 19.75 20.99

STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD
0171 344 7000
Global A (NZS) 6.112 6.493 1.76
US Eqts (UCSB) 4.850 5.141 0.62
Far East Eqts (yen) 239.60 254.59
FT Europe 249.43 264.21 0.39
FT N Amer (US$) 4.554 4.837
FT Japan (yen) 132.50 140.00
FT Asia Ex Jap (US$) 1.838 1.949 0.97

STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0131 226 3271
American 684.20 721 -8.20
British # 1806.10 1910.90 -8.10 2.11
Emrging Mkts 134.90 143.70 +1.70 1.03
Euro Gwth Inc 157.70 167.10 +1.90
Euro Small Co 79.13 84.27 -0.10
Japan 83.40 88.40 0.30
Asia Pacific 274.60 292.40 -5.60 2.06
-do- Accum 302.90 322.50 -6.20 2.06
Inv Trust Acc 388.50 411.80 -3.40 0.92
Mngd Equity 264.70 280 -1.70 1.75
Mngd Cash 95.43 95.43 -0.01 6.70

SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD
0800 525 725
Asia Pacific 13.36 14.21† -0.38 1.75
Corp Bd Gth Inc 107.83 114.50 +0.12 5.90
Corp Bd & Gilt Acc 122.36 130.06 -0.14 5.90
European 84.97 90.39† +1.10 0.25
Japan 25.57 27.20† 0.07 0.01
Managed Assets 186.92 199.91† +2.01 1.63
North American 69.98 74.45† +1.29 0.11
Smlr Co's Inc 47.20 50.21† -0.19 1.34
Smlr Cos Acc 52.98 56.36† -0.21 1.34
UK Growth Inc 92.25 98.14† -1.08 1.27
UK Growth Acc 107.95 114.84† -1.26 1.27
Extra Income # 62.53 66.88† -0.45 3.50
Worldwide Gth 54.93 58.75 -0.85 0.27

For TSB Unit Tsts see Lloyds TSB Unit Tsts

TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED
0800 435810
British 592.91 624.12 -6.04 1.72
European 138.42 144.94 +1.36 0.89

TEMPLETON INVESTMENT MGMT LTD
0131 469 4000
Templeton Funds (OEIC)
Alpha Shares
Growth Acc ‡ 319.70 -5.23 4.34
Growth Inc ‡ 269.41 -4.40 4.34
Balanced Acc ‡ 271.17 -2.83 5.37
Balanced Inc ‡ 216.57 -2.26 5.37
Value Acc ‡ 205.46 -2.27 3.24
Value Inc ‡ 179.84 -1.99 3.24
Beta Shares (250,000 minimum)
Growth Acc ‡ 927.43 +15.21 4.34
Growth Inc ‡ 926.55 -15.16 4.34
Balanced Acc ‡ 949.65 -9.94 5.37
Balanced Inc ‡ 949.65 -9.94 5.37

THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0171 629 0662
Capital 133.30 141.80† +1.60 0.43
International 92.8? 96.63†

THREADNEEDLE INVESTMENTS
Client Serv: 0800 0683000 Inter Serv: 0800 0684000
Threadneedle Investment Services
Managed Funds
Adv Mgd Gth Acc 56.24 58.88† 0.59
Bal Mgd Gth Acc 55.82 58.44† 1.87
Caut Mg Gth Acc 55.37 57.97† 2.59
Managed Income 54.64 57.21† 3.15
Threadneedle Investment Funds (OEIC)
Retail Shares (Class 1)
UK
UK Corporate Bd ‡ 54.03 -0.06 6.27
UK Equity Inc # 60.59 -0.44 3.46
UK Growth ‡ 61.67 -0.52 1.35
UK Gwth & Inc ‡ 56.71 -0.54 1.58
UK Money Secs ‡ 51.01
UK Monthly Inc # 55.60 +0.43 3.09
UK Select Gwth ‡ 62.15 +0.32 1.17
UK Smaller Cos ‡ 66.57 -0.22 1.37
International
Amer Gwth Acc ‡ 58.64 -0.77
Amer Sel Gwth ‡ 60.05 -0.72
Amer Sm Cos Gth ‡ 58.73 -0.46
Asia Growth ‡ 27.23 -0.66 0.56
Emg Mkt Bd Fd # 50.91 -0.24 7.12
European Growth ‡ 70.73 -0.65
Euro Sel Gwth ‡ 69.88 -0.30
Euro Sm Cos Gth ‡ 70.12 -0.45
FE&Jap Gwth Acc ‡ 27.96 ... -0.45 0.07
Global Bond ‡ 51.80 -0.17 6.32
Glb Sel Gth Acc ‡ 54.74 -0.53
Japan Gwth Acc ‡ 34.17 -0.06
Jap Sm Cos Gth ‡ 51.07 -0.10
Latin Amer Gth ‡ 43.36 -1.27
Institutional Shares (Class 2) (500,000 min)
UK
UK Equity Inc # 60.85 -0.44 3.46
UK Growth ‡ 61.77 -0.53 1.87
UK Gwth & Inc ‡ 57.16 -0.54 2.2?
UK Inst Gwth ‡ 61.27 -0.58 1.20
UK Oseas Engs ‡ 59.29 +0.43 1.32
UK Select Gwth ‡ 62.29 +0.40 1.31
UK Sm Cos Gwth ‡ 60.66 -0.23 1.20
International
Amer Gwth Acc ‡ 58.98 -0.77
Amer Sel Gwth ‡ 60.31 -0.72
Amer Sm Cos Gth ‡ 59.83 -0.46
Asia Growth Acc ‡ 27.36 -0.66 0.94
Euro Gwth Acc ‡ 71.04 -0.65 0.44
Euro Sel Gth Acc ‡ 70.05 -0.31 0.22
Euro Sm Cos Gth ‡ 70.32 -0.46 0.21
FE & Jap Gth Acc ‡ 28.08 -0.48 0.47
Global Bond ‡ 51.86 -0.17 6.32
Japan Growth Acc ‡ 34.32 -0.05
Jap Sm Cos Gth ‡ 51.22 -0.10
Latin Amer Gth ‡ 43.44 -1.39 0.53

UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD
01277 690 336
UK Eq Inc Acc # 476.40 506.81 -4.26 3.22
UK Equity Gwth 514.18 547.00 -5.05 1.29
European 296.79 315.73 -3.26 0.24
Nth American 128.65 136.86 -2.74 0.03
Far Eastern 51.60 54.89 -0.77 0.42
Money 77.67 77.67 -0.01 6.44
Fixed Interest # 94.24 100.03 -0.19 6.50
Index Linked Gilt 89.80 94.18 -0.29 1.77

VIRGIN DIRECT PFS LTD
0345 959595
Income Trust 114.33 114.33 -0.16 5.60
Pers Growth 146.83 146.83†
Pers Inc Prtct 118.79 118.79†
UF Index Tracking 188.02 188.02 -1.12 1.70

WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD
0161 831 7455
Australasian Gold 14.38 15.14†
Pacific Basin 23.39 24.67
Global Bond (US$) 0.9754 1.0160
Penny Share 45.81 48.01
Japan Smlr Cos 27.22 28.65

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
0171 823 2444
Short Dtd Gilt 133.10 134.50 +0.10
US Govt Bd (US$) 0.8319 0.8405 -0.03
Gilt Income 52.68 53.70† 6.30
Gilt Growth 95.35 99.79 -0.06
Sterling Bond 53.11 53.97 -0.01 5.80

WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
0181 298 4000
Intl Mgd 76.30 81.03 +0.12 1.46
UK Stockmarket 147.30 156.50 +1.10 1.83
Corporate Bd Inc 52.08 52.27 +0.06 5.51
Do Accum 57.88 58.01 +0.06 5.51

Source: FT Information
* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return) † Ex dividend. ‡ Middle price. ... No significant data. # Periodic Charge deducted from capital. ⊕ Exit Charge.

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Early gains halved

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
646	505	Allied Domecq	561	+6	4.4	13.7
412½	295	Bulmer (HP)	346½	+5	5.6	..
42½	15½	Burn Stewart	15½	..	13.7	
775	432	Diageo	738½	+4½	3.1	31.8
900	755	Glenmorangie A	885	..	2.0	20.4
325	258	Highland Dist	287½	..	3.9	13.3
215	160	Matthew Clark	183½	-2½	13.6	5.9
59½	37½	Morydun W	42½	+1	..	..
2021½	1181¼	SA Breweries	1181¼	-59	2.7	18.6

BANKS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1609¾	1178¼	ABN-AMRO	1418¾	+9¾	2.2	20.9
1345	951	Abbey Natl	1066	-7	3.6	16.3
1032	585	Alliance & Leic	799	-6	3.3	16.1
884½	587½	Allied Irish	884½	+5	2.1	24.8
458½	373¼	Aus New Z	423½	+1½	4.8	..
5437½	3881½	Bank America	5437½	+168¾	..	..
813	431	Bank Scotland	680	-12	1.8	18.2
1396	1068	Barclays	1728	+5	2.7	16.0
1309	916½	Bk of Ireland	1284	+15½	2.0	..
£102¾	6790¾	Citicorp	9437½	+306¼	..	..
1690½	1565¼	Commerzbk	1606½	..	3.2	..
543½	290¾	Dai Ichi Kan Y	371½	-16½	1.0	..
5368½	3668¾	Deutsche Bk	5896½	-6¼	1.2	..
1206¼	1153¼	Espirito Santo	1175	..	3.2	..
531	228½	Fuji Bank Y	276½	-10	1.3	58.6
2073	1294	HSBC	1561	-18	4.0	12.5
2002	937	HSBC HK	1494	-22	4.2	13.0
1000	700½	Halifax	790	-14	2.8	22.9
842½	642¾	Irish Perm	717½	+5	2.3	20.8
1090	698	Lloyds TSB	862	+6	2.5	22.9
916½	759	Nat Aust Bk	794	-1½	4.5	..
1241	751	Nat West	1092	-1	3.7	23.3
673	505	Northern Rock	527½	-2½	2.5	19.9
1140	565	Ryl Bk Scotl	1039	+2	2.7	19.3
1050	528	Stand Chart	704	-19	3.3	11.4
£164¾	£164¾	Wells Fargo	£164¾	..	1.9	..
438	337½	Westpac	376	-3½	3.5	..
400	308	Woolwich	332	..	3.6	17.1

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1195	873	Bass	1147	-3	3.1	19.9
81½	50½	Bk for the Bdr	76	-½	3.3	..
197½	144½	Burtonwood Brw	185½	+2	4.3	..
162½	110	City Centre Rest	144	-1½	2.4	22.4
700	590½	Compass Gp	658	-14	0.9	43.1
342½	280½	Eldridge P 'A'	319	..	2.5	15.5
364½	251½	Enterprise Innst	361½	..	2.7	20.7
552½	425	Fuller Sm 'A'	562½	..	2.6	15.6
538	400	Greenalls Grp	422	+8¼	4.1	12.3
780	576½	Greene King	735½	..	3.2	12.2
358	260	Groupe Chez Ge	333½	..	1.3	23.0
281½	214½	Hardy Hanson	246½	..	6.1	10.5
2175	1825	Holt J	2062½	..	4.1	10.0
76	62	Inn Business	67	..	3.5	10.1
317	279	Mansfield	305	-2½	3.3	..
360½	254½	Meston Tavn	297½	..	3.8	12.6
472½	402½	Morland	447½	..	3.7	11.9
384½	287½	Old Eng Pub	300½	-15½	1.2	21.2
35	21½	Paramount	30	..	..	..
950	678½	PizzaExpress	860	..	0.5	32.8
377½	297½	Ransdens (H)	315	-7½	2.0	32.0
386½	157½	Regent Inns	151½	-4	2.3	13.7
237½	140½	SFI	183½	-2	0.5	33.8
950	717	Scot & New	820	-15	3.4	16.4
303½	197½	Slug & Lettuce	252	-4½	3.2	33.0
358	227	Vaux Group	316½	..	4.4	12.1
342	273½	Wetherspoon JD	293	..	0.9	31.5
1145	850	Whitbread	973	-5	3.1	17.5
568½	469	Wolverhmptn D	525	-10	4.6	11.3
558½	381	Yates Bros	462½	..	0.9	22.4
817½	637½	Young 'A'	817½	..	2.5	29.0

BUILDING MATERIALS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
76½	49½	Aggregate Indst	64½	-½	3.4	22.3
268	199	Anglian Group	246	-2	5.2	13.1
447	290	BPB	364	-3	3.1	13.6
118½	88½	Baggeridge Brk	102½	..	4.4	11.0
62½	42½	Blockleys	42½	..	1.3	48.5
407	271½	Blue Circle	349	+3	4.2	13.2
149	98½	Breedon PLC	118½	..	6.1	14.3
192½	125½	Br Dredging	189	..	4.3	20.5
945	705	CRH	858½	+13½	1.2	21.5
62½	47½	Cakebread Rby	60½	..	7.7	5.1
155½	107½	Cape	153½	..	5.3	13.2
215½	158½	Caradon	186	-½	5.5	12.9
115½	100½	Caradon cl	111½	-½	8.1	..
139½	56½	Chieftain Gp	56½	-1	9.5	4.1
385	212½	Dyson (J&J)	372½	-2½	2.0	..
120	93	Dyson 'A'	93	..	10.2	..
60½	43½	Ennstone	48½	..	..	..
197½	147	Epwin	155	..	7.9	6.5
131½	101½	Gibbs & Dandy	131½	..	3.8	12.2
200	150½	Graham Grp	151	..	5.0	15.0
232½	202½	Halstead (J)	202½	..	6.1	11.6
395	245	Hanson	365	-1	4.1	12.5
266	179	Hepworth	209½	-3	5.4	..
178½	120½	Hewetson	154½	-1	6.3	8.1
294½	202½	Heywd Wlm	255	-1½	6.8	9.7
66	43	Ibstock	49	..	5.6	12.2
365	250	Johnston	317½	..	4.7	17.1
107½	84½	Lilleshall	96½	..	6.5	9.5
129½	82½	Marley	106½	..	5.8	9.2
162½	120	Marshalls	140	-1½	4.8	15.5
445½	328½	Meyer Intl	344	-5	4.7	21.4
77½	62½	Norcros	70½	..	3.3	12.5
149½	103½	Pilkington	111½	+½	4.6	59.1
196	142	Polypipe	148	+½	2.9	11.0
24	14½	Quiggin	18	..	..	..
1400	740½	RMC	1050	..	3.1	15.2
117½	78½	Ruberoid	101	..	6.0	11.5
143	108½	Rugby Group	109	-1	4.6	15.6
103½	73½	Russell (A)	98½	..	3.8	14.9
276	195½	SIG	226	..	4.3	11.5
3½	1½	SWP	2½	..	..	..
237½	216	Sharpe & Fisher	216	-1½	3.6	13.3
25	14	Spring Ram	14½	..	0.9	..
320	144½	Streamline Hldgs	310	..	3.7	17.6
133½	93	Tarmac	107	-½	6.6	12.8
125	83	Titon	105	..	6.5	10.1
628½	457	Travis Perkins	520½	+1	2.6	16.0
107½	60½	Tudor	85	..	4.4	11.0
372	180½	Ultraframe	307½	-1	1.4	25.9
570	352	Wolseley	363	+8	4.0	11.7

CHEMICALS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
191½	134½	Albright & W	152	-1½	4.7	15.1
142½	102½	Amber Indl	102½	-2½	7.0	8.7
118	90½	Amberley Gp	115	..	2.1	17.1
100	72	Anitone Ext	75½	..	11.3	12.3
2928½	2003½	BASF DM	2928½	+68¾	2.3	..
1109	790	BOC	865	+35	4.0	15.8
555	331½	BTP	530	-5½	2.9	23.8
3171½	2131½	Bayer DM50	3171½	+37½	1.8	..
126	94½	Brent Chems	96½	-7	3.9	10.9
342½	210½	Br Vita	275½	-7½	4.0	13.9
187½	128½	Brunner Mond	186½	..	5.8	10.2
296	246½	Canning (W)	246½	..	4.6	11.8
229½	155	City Technology	210	..	2.3	40.6
474	234	Courtaulds	446	+½	3.7	27.0
469	351½	Croda	380½	-6	2.7	18.3
284½	203½	Doefler	248½	..	4.3	10.6
178	116	Elementis	153½	-1½	..	24.3
313½	260½	Ellis & Everard	284	-2½	4.5	12.2
78½	53½	Euro Colour	68½	..	4.6	11.9
246½	138½	Gibbon	245	..	4.3	..
94½	64½	Hickson	70½	-2	1.4	12.3
3116½	2096¼	Hoechst	3118¾	+116¾	1.6	..
1244	738½	ICI	983	-2	3.3	39.0
321½	189	Inspec	262	..	3.2	11.8
193½	124½	Kalon	124½	-½	6.2	18.4
890½	605	Laporte	702½	-26	3.7	14.2
75	35	Marston	45½	+1	6.6	4.4
35	27	Metrotect	33½	+½	5.4	..
380	285	Porvair	291	..	2.7	16.2
231	181½	Scapa	191½	+½	4.0	22.5
26½	16½	Sutcliffe Speak	21½	-½	7.0	..
1761½	1437½	Takeda Chem	1589½	-61¼	0.6	20.8
248	196	Victrex	206	..	3.0	16.4
685	595	Wolstenholme R	617½	..	5.5	9.9
240	185	Yorks Grp	185	-7½	6.5	11.7
440	282½	Yule Catto	373½	-2	3.3	15.3

CONSTRUCTION

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
58½	19½	AAF Inds	40	..	..	..
375	230	Abbey	310	..	2.7	23.3
480	332½	Allen	455	..	3.0	..
217½	114	Amec	176½	+5½	3.5	17.4
875	400	Amey	767½	-32½	1.8	24.7
260	143	Andrews Sykes	210	-5	1.8	21.0
286½	180	Ashtead	235½	+4½	1.2	29.3
48½	28½	Avonside	36	-3	5.2	6.9
46	26½	Bardi	39½	+½	4.5	10.6
73	48½	Barcom	70	..	2.7	17.3
341	224	Barratt Devs	257½	-4	4.5	11.3
235	161½	Beazer	180	-2½	4.7	10.2
401½	296½	Bellway	298½	-5	4.0	9.9
29½	18½	Bellwinch	29½	..	..	10.1
95½	46½	Ben Bailey	69½	-½	4.0	8.1
784½	576½	Berkeley Gp	619	-5½	1.9	10.9
170	145	Bett Bros	148½	..	5.8	4.2
315	245	Boot (Henry)	247½	..	4.3	9.2
276½	192½	Bovis Homes	222½	-4	5.3	9.8
42½	30½	Britannia Grp	41½	..	4.2	16.7
155½	103	Bryant	103	-2½	6.1	8.5
139½	102½	CALA	115½	-1	4.2	7.7
4	3	Campbell & Arm#	3	..	..	..
141½	83½	Clarke T	128½	-8	5.9	8.8
42½	20	Costain	33½	..	..	..
125½	98½	Countryside	97	-½	4.2	7.6
146½	94½	Crest Nicholson	125	-½	4.0	8.1
132½	85½	Cussins	105	..	5.4	8.1
280	160	Eve Group	263½	..	3.4	..
33½	19½	Galliford	28½	..	6.3	12.0
1100	1010	Gleeson (MJ)	1010	..	2.3	14.9
175	98	Havelock Europ	109	..	5.4	7.4
212	152	Hewden-Stuart	170½	..	2.6	20.5
28	20	Howard Hldgs	23	..	5.4	22.8
788	360½	Jarvis	694½	+3½	1.4	26.2
252½	181	Keller	228½	..	2.8	14.4
247½	199½	Kier	242½	..	3.7	12.2
397½	309½	Laing (J)	396½	..	3.3	21.3
132½	117½	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	132½	+½	8.0	..
14½	8½	Lovell (YJ)	12	..	..	..
212½	155½	Maunders (J)	208½	..	3.8	12.1
181½	133½	McAlpine (A)	143½	-4	6.5	8.5
191½	113½	McCarthy & S	166½	-½	2.5	12.1
142½	70	McInerney	122½	..	1.0	13.9
248½	171½	Morgan Sindall	248½	+7	2.6	15.2
397½	301	Morrison Const	370	..	2.0	..
150	77½	Mowlem (J)	145	..	3.4	13.4
259½	182½	Persimmon	198	-1½	6.3	9.3
109½	80½	Peterhouse	91½	..	5.1	6.4
128½	112	Pochins	128½	..	2.7	14.0
158½	116	Prowting	136½	..	4.2	8.6
198	139	Redrow	145	..	3.2	10.7
325	222½	Spooner	317½	..	1.5	18.3
94½	70½	Swan Hill	71	..	4.8	12.9
142½	112½	Tay Homes	114	..	6.3	9.7
238	174	Taylor Woodrw	199½	-2	2.3	15.1
308	190	Tilbury Dougls	285	-1	4.2	15.7
29½	21½	Try Group	22½	..	3.4	6.1
88	63½	Vibroplant	86½	..	6.0	30.8
139½	109½	Walkhorne	119½	+1	5.7	..
60	38½	Ward Hldgs	48½	-1	8.7	6.9
272½	238½	Westbury	242½	..	3.8	10.4
16	12½	Wiggins	14½	..	..	21.6
191	135½	Wilson (C)	136½	..	5.0	..
733	511	Wilson Bowden	630	..	2.5	12.9
143½	92½	Wimpey G	115½	-1	6.2	9.6

DISTRIBUTORS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
257½	182½	Action Cp Sols	251½	+½	1.4	21.0
355	280	Adam & Harvey	280	-7½	10.1	4.2
24½	9½	Alexanders	22	..	..	..
2	1	Ass Br Eng	1½	..	..	58.8
457	340	BSS Group	342½	..	8.0	19.7
20½	12½	Bearing Power	15	-½	..	..
34½	34½	Bogod 'A'	34½	..	3.3	5.5
735	550	Bunzl	625½	-18½	3.4	14.0
16½	10½	Brasend Grp	16	..	1.6	26.5
113½	79	Bnt Fittings	107	-1	6.0	8.8
372½	320	Caffyns	330	+5	5.3	8.8
205	83½	Car Group	85	..	7.1	9.7
175½	134½	Cawdale	160½	+5½	3.1	10.2
54½	31½	Coal (DC)	43	..	7.1	6.2
139½	96½	Dag Motors	130½	..	8.4	7.0
125½	105½	Dewhurst Bt	119½	..	3.2	7.9
276	210	Diploma	214	-1	8.5	8.9
601	450	Electrocomponts	450	-13	2.5	23.9
186	143½	Eurodis Elec	154½	-½	4.3	26.6
122	84½	European Mtr	101½	..	7.8	7.4
305	250½	Evans Halshaw	257½	-5	8.3	8.2
70½	39½	Fife Indmar	62½	..	7.4	7.1
400½	300½	Finelist Grp	305	-1	3.3	12.2
28	21½	Gardiner	26½	..	4.8	11.2
82½	60½	Glenchewton	63	..	4.0	8.9
135½	89½	Gowrings	107½	-4½	4.1	10.2
20½	13	HR Owen	17½	..	5.7	11.4
405	340	Headlam	366	-4	2.4	19.0
160	126	Holders Tech	128½	+½	8.8	8.0
130	39½	ISA Intl	50	-½	8.2	4.9
250	136½	Inchcape	192	+1	6.2	23.1
80	57½	Jacks (Wm)	60½	..	7.2	5.7
582½	351½	Kwik-Fit	484	-1	1.7	21.8
614	422½	Lex Service	486½	+½	4.5	12.4
123	100	Lookers	105	..	10.1	6.6
557½	351	Menzies (John)	537½	+2½	3.2	17.4
5½	2	Middlesex	3	+½	..	..
29½	14½	Midstrust	23	-½	2.8	..
326½	242	Norbain	306½	..	3.6	12.4
281	197½	Northamber	215	-1	1.7	14.3
342	192½	Partco	204½	+1	5.3	9.8
312½	229	Pendragon	230	..	5.8	10.9
255	167½	Perry Gp	194½	-2	6.1	7.6
443	272	Premier Farnell	300	-1	5.4	11.9
164½	113½	Quicks Group	135½	..	7.1	9.3
235	140	REA	155	..	2.6	26.0
3	1½	Reece	2½	..	..	..
38½	30½	Ring	30½	-1½	..	..
12½	4½	Roesto	4½	..	..	..
5	3½	Ross Gp	4½	..	..	9.5
112½	97½	Ryland	100	..	5.5	7.6
31½	25½	SEP Ind	29½	..	5.7	13.6
30	14	Saltire	17½	-½	..	..
290	206½	Sanderson Bram	206½	..	3.3	7.5
67½	47½	Sedgemoor	48	..	5.2	..
273½	236½	Sytner	252½	..	3.4	11.8
195½	130½	Time Products	134½	..	11.6	7.4
335	132½	Inst Motor Grp	230	..	1.4	40
440	374	UNICO	385	..	2.3	17.7
124	88½	United Ossas Gp	95	-1	1.5	21.8
299½	243½	Vardy (Reg)	245	+1	4.3	..
800	655	WF Elect	755	..	2.6	23.3
192½	140	Wyko	146½	-7½	2.8	13.5
165½	135	Young (H)	149½	-½	3.9	10.1

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
330	250	Antofagasta	255	+2½	2.8	18.6
365	229	Ascot Hldgs	298	..	4.9	9.0
642	455	Boleen Hld	524½	+2½	3.6	18.2
697½	466½	BAT	612½	+3	4.7	15.5
43½	29	Brierley Inv	30½	..	9.6	8.0
279½	167	Cookson	225	+9	4.1	13.1
277½	217½	Cosalt	238½	..	6.1	8.0
615	410	DCC	565	..	1.7	17.9
383	302	Gallaher	344	+5	7.0	9.8
450½	335	Hutch Whamp	339½	+17½	3.8	..
490	383½	Imperial Tob	480	+10	5.7	11.5
335½	154½	Jardine Math	181	+15½	8.3	8.6
94½	70½	Lonrho Africa	73½	..	4.0	18.1
623½	474½	Powell Duffryn	546	-4	5.9	13.3
147	101	Staveley	108½	..	11.0	25.2
368½	174½	Swire Pacific	233½	+6	5.9	7.4
384½	288	Tomkins	335	+8	3.6	14.2
250	205	Unidare	215	-2½	7.5	10.9
570	415	Wardle Storeys	500	..	5.2	14.5
381½	296½	Wassall	297½	+1	2.6	13.6
135½	78½	Whitecroft	87½	..	6.6	14.2

ELECTRICITY

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
615½	310	Br Energy	525½	+½	3.5	19.8
425	298½	National Grid	420	+11½	3.6	21.2
700	516	National Power	586	-1	6.0	11.8
900	725	PowerGen	840	+6	4.3	13.1
597½	502½	Hydro-Elect	536	+4½	4.6	11.6
594	475	Scottish Power	532	+4	4.8	12.9
580	461	Southern Elec	567½	-7½	5.5	13.7
615	522	Viridian	591½	+11½	5.0	13.0

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1240	715	ARM Holdings	1200	..	..	..
418	304½	Acal	377½	..	3.6	13.3
1300	690	Admiral	1247½	-50	0.3	..
58½	27½	Amstrad	42	..	1.5	..
36	26½	Arlen	32½	..	5.0	10.6
129½	61	Astec	81½	..	2.4	8.7
71½	43½	Azlan	69½	-½	..	..
182½	127½	BICC	140	+4	7.1	..
73	51½	Bedec Hunter	61½	..	15.6	7.9
437½	260	Blick	437½	..	4.2	14.2
604½	345½	Bowthorpe	519	-4½	2.7	19.8
18	12	Bulgin A	15½	..	10.1	9.0
205½	150½	CML Micro	160	..	5.7	14.4
27½	10	Channel Hldgs	13½	..	10.6	4.2
51	39½	Chloride	48½	+½	2.1	14.6
109½	64½	Cleyhithe	107½	+½	4.2	11.9
912½	722½	Critchley	852½	+2½	2.1	..
342½	211½	Delta	211½	-7	7.6	8.3
451	392	Domino	442½	-3	3.6	14.9
77½	51	Dowding Mills	57	..	7.0	10.8
320	240	Druck	272½	-7½	0.8	23.6
1250	825	Electrolux 'B'	1009½	-9½	9.2	27.1
36	17	Emess	36½	..	2.8	19.1
1862½	1065½	Ericsson 'B'	1775	+31½	0.7	38.9
417½	311	Eurotherm	421	..	3.0	18.5
590	330	Fairey Group	322½	-1	3.8	8.2
587½	395	Filtronic	406½	+1½	0.5	28.1
18½	7½	Forward Tech	12½	-½	..	..
550	338	GEC	536	+11½	2.7	22.7
49½	35½	Ind Control	40	-½	1.6	..
22	15	Intelek	18	..	6.8	..
81	54½	LPA	74½	..	3.9	24.0
1004½	445	Mitel	821½	+8	..	..
180½	117½	Network Techn	125½	-4½	1.3	14.1
372	255	Oxford Inst	312½	-6	3.3	13.6
111	23½	Pace Micro	76	+½	3.3	..
6271½	3450	Philips Lmp nv	5296½	+62¾	0.9	24.5
88½	38½	Plasmon	85	..	..	..
356	272½	Pressac	305	-1½	1.8	22.3
60½	27	Prestwick	29	..	4.7	8.1
725	304	Psion	722½	+22½	0.4	70.1
409½	243½	Racal Elect	354½	+15½	2.1	66.8
97½	51½	Radamec	77½	..	5.0	17.0
505	335	Renishaw	435	-1	2.6	25.5
1½	1½	Rodime	1½	..	..	..
374½	191½	Roxboro	240	-2	3.8	12.5
361½	202½	SDX Bus Sys	316½	..	1.0	31.7
377½	237½	Servomex	242½	..	4.9	11.9
91	36½	Silverlines	47½	-½	3.8	10.7
5012½	4128½	TDK	4343½	-53½	0.6	..
87½	57½	TGI	63	-½	7.5	..
125	88½	TLG	114	..	4.0	20.6
12	7	Tadpole Tech	19	+3	..	..
67½	38½	Telemetrix	58½	-½	3.4	14.1
365	230	Telspec	287½	..	..	35.2
158½	119½	Thorpe FW	137½	..	4.2	7.5
159½	70½	Total Systems	122½	..	1.7	..
160	100	Tunstall	159	..	4.1	21.0
18	7	Ultima Networks	10½	+1½	..	..
111	68½	Verity	86	+3	0.1	..
195½	84½	Vero	189½	..	3.8	17.0
40½	22½	Vigilant Technology	25	..	2.0	..
660	460	Volex	658½	+1½	4.4	15.9

ENGINEERING

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
312½	217½	AIM	262½	..	3.6	12.4
44	25½	ASW	26	..	..	..
255	145	Alumasc	180	..	5.6	8.6
214	129½	Alvis	176½	-1	2.4	12.4
176½	158	Ash & Lacy	158	-1	6.1	7.5
125	70	Ayrshire Metal	70	..	9.8	4.5
535½	345½	BBA	471½	+13½	1.7	19.3
230½	154½	BTR	176½	+7½	5.4	11.6
97½	68½	BW	79½	..	5.0	9.0
92½	61	Babcock	78	+3	2.3	..
13	8½	Bailey (CH)	9½	..	3.3	..
110½	68	Baynes (Charles)	68½	-4½	5.8	9.7
27½	6½	Beauford	7	-1	14.3	3.7
261½	181½	Berisford	235½	+9	3.3	10.7
109	84	Bersik Cv Un Ln	99	+1½	5.1	..
1285	867½	Bodycote	1055	..	1.2	24.2
44½	35½	Booth Inds	38½	..	..	17.6
20½	13½	Brasway	13½	..	8.5	..
141	90½	Bridport	91½	..	6.5	10.3
587	381½	Br Aerospace	486½	+13½	1.3	27.1
172	122½	Br Steel	139½	+2½	8.9	11.9
158½	113½	Brooke Indl	116½	..	5.6	6.2
16½	8½	Brunel	10	..	6.2	4.6
107½	92½	Bullough	98	+½	7.4	10.1
36	25½	Carbo	28	..	4.8	56.2
217½	150	Carclo Eng	164½	..	8.8	..
233½	181½	Castings	186½	+3	3.9	..
272½	182½	Chamberlin Hill	182½	..	6.3	7.6
780	570	Charter	624½	+9½	5.0	20.4
175½	110½	Chemring	168½	..	2.2	..
275	97	Clyde Blowers	100	+1½	8.7	15.9
1247½	732½	Cobham	1057½	+3½	1.6	27.7
430	320	Cohen (A)	390	..	..	..
150½	105½	Concentric	137½	..	8.7	25.0
268½	184½	David Brown	205½	..	5.6	12.2
511	282½	BS	503	..	3.6	17.6
32½	16	Eleco	28	..	..	11.4
50	27	Energy Techn	41½	..	4.5	..
161½	124½	Expamet	137½	-2½	3.5	13.3
228½	147½	FKI	175	+2½	4.4	10.5
216	155½	Fenner	156½	+1	3.5	12.0
3	1½	Ferrum	2	..	..	..
40	28½	Firth Hldgs	31½	+½	1.0	23.7
182	126½	Firth Rixson	151	-½	2.5	15.2
45½	16½	Frere	17	-½	..	..
116	91½	GB Intl	100	-½	5.0	8.5
206½	148½	Gaston Eng	191½	..	5.2	6.8
331½	216½	Glynwed	250½	+5	6.6	10.1
159½	92½	Haden MacLnt	133½	..	2.9	13.8
235	183	Hadleigh	240	..	4.0	..
257	148	Hall Eng	149	..	7.0	6.0
140½	99½	Halma	125	..	2.8	14.9
83½	64½	Hampson Ind	75	..	4.5	..
65½	32½	Hay (Norman)	52	..	2.4	14.8
67½	40½	Heywood	53	..	3.8	7.1
71½	42½	Hill & Smith	65½	..	8.3	15.7
125	65½	Hope Grp	110	-6	3.1	15.9
273	210½	Hunting	266	..	3.8	14.2
532	361	IMI	370	..	3.8	12.1
852	457½	Johnson Matthey	559	+22½	3.7	11.8
28½	18½	Jones Shipman	19	..	3.4	..
435	375	Kelsey Indt	381½	..	9.5	6.1
418	299½	Lincat	368½	..	3.7	11.7
32½	23½	Locker (T)	27	..	4.8	7.8
23½	16½	MS Intl	23½	..	4.1	8.8
508½	403½	Mang Bronze	501½	..	2.5	30.8
569½	377½	McKechnie	437	+2½	4.9	11.5
179½	152½	McLeod Russell	152½	-2	5.8	10.7
242½	154½	Meggitt	192½	-½	3.1	20.7
115	82½	Metalrax	94	..	5.5	12.8
14½	11½	MetalTech	12½	..	..	7.1
255½	142½	Motsec	255½	..	2.4	14.2
357½	177½	Molins	185	+7½	10.1	..
501½	386	Morgan Cruc	387	..	5.0	12.3
57½	48½	Polynedron	49	..	8.6	5.9
608½	45	Powerscreen	85½	-2	13.7	2.5
230½	155½	Quadramatic	197½	..	6.6	10.4
52½	20½	Quadrant Grp	50½	..	..	..
60	50	Radiant Metal	55	..	..	..
290½	226½	Renold	237½	..	3.8	9.2
87½	51½	Richardson West	61½	..	9.1	5.4
309	188	Rolls-Royce	259½	+5½	2.8	19.7
387	269	Rotork	345	-7½	3.4	23.0
248½	140	Rubicon	180½	+3	4.3	12.9
1425	1071½	SKF 'B'	1071½	-12½	3.6	10.5
248	139½	Senior Eng	197	-½	2.2	18.2
612½	420	Smith-Rive	420	-5	3.0	13.0
1580	975	Siebe	1212	+7	1.3	19.9
148½	114½	Six Hundred	129½	..	5.7	..
1020	702	Smiths Ind	843	+13	2.7	18.9
18½	9	Solvesat	9½	..	3.6	..
708	525	Spirax-Sarco	525	-1½	3.5	13.7
330	262½	Sterling Ind	328½	-1½	4.3	10.8
650	424	TI	473	+2	3.4	14.8
121	89½	Tinsley (E)	108½	..	7.8	..
87½	64½	Transtec	66½	..	6.1	9.5
383	241½	77 Group	296	+½	3.7	11.3
425	347½	Ultra Elect	383½	-3	2.5	17.8
76½	55½	Utd Inds	61	..	5.3	8.8
252½	198	Vickers	220	..	4.1	13.6
11	7½	Villers Gp	9½	+½	..	..
787	584	Vitec	733½	..	2.4	13.7
950	740	Vosper Thornyt	825	..	4.3	12.2
482	280	Wagon Ins	330½	-13	4.2	11.8
314½	202½	Weir	216½	..	5.2	10.1
185½	137½	Wellington Hdg	187½	..	6.2	11.3
89½	56	Wescol	68½	+1½	3.0	14.7
930	750	Whatman	825	..	2.1	24.3
60	42½	Widney	52½	..	8.5	5.7

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
156½	123	Adwest	126½	..	6.2	9.9
223	150	Airflow Streaml	185	+1	5.4	18.4
701	617	Avon Rubber	635	-15	3.4	12.6
345	255	Bostrom	257½	-1½	3.5	9.3
193½	114½	Britax	181	-1	2.4	17.9
395½	251½	Dennis	350½	-4½	3.4	15.2
413½	277½	First Tech	394½	-1	1.3	27.7
930	526½	GKN	825½	+15½	1.8	21.1
4971½	3418½	General Mtr	4146½	+50	2.9	..
607	414½	Henlys	550	+22½	3.8	13.9
2336½	1991½	Honda Motor	2162	-36	0.4	..
480	273½	Laird	273½	-3	5.2	7.2
288	194	LucasVarity	244	-½	2.3	14.1
244½	158½	Mayflower	205	+6	1.7	20.0
136	95½	Syltone	114	..	7.8	..
261	252½	T & N	259	..	4.4	15.0
31½	22½	Toad	24½	..	..	..
51½	35½	Wilshaw	43½	+½	2.9	..

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
670	526	AB Food	575	+5	2.2	17.8
270	202½	Acatos & Hutch	219	-1	8.0	..
37	21½	Albert Fisher	23½	+½	17.9	9.1
285	192½	Banks (S C)	200	..	7.2	7.3
510	417	Barr (AG)	510	+1½	4.1	..
45	34	Bensons Crisp	38	..	5.2	8.1
360	209	Booker	246	-1½	12.2	10.9
1077½	571½	Brake Bros	937½	+5	1.5	26.6
125	85	CPL Aromas	121	..	5.0	10.3
995	600	Cadbury-Schwpt	962	+23	1.9	25.9
262	105	Carrs Milling	110	+2	13.1	5.4
345½	234½	Cranswick	327½	..	4.5	12.9
371	253	Dairy Crest Group	349½	+7	3.9	13.6
67	37½	Daniels S	50	..	1.3	16.4
545½	331½	Devro	331½	-36	3.6	14.1
188½	149½	Express Dairies	182½	-3½	6.3	12.3
142½	99	Finlay (James)	116	+5½	3.6	12.6
611	404	Geest	589½	+7	2.1	23.7
15½	8½	Global	10½	..	8.1	13.7
380	285	Greencore	335	+15	2.6	18.4
240½	164½	Hazlewood Fds	238½	-2	3.9	17.3
214½	142	Hillsdown	167	+1	7.1	10.5
415	392	Linton Park	405	+2½	6.9	7.0
119	86	Matthews (B)	118½	+1	4.5	18.1
227½	205½	Nichols (V)	214½	-3	4.6	11.3
240	182	Nim Foods	213	-3½	3.8	18.3
20	14½	[illegible]	15½	..	2.5	6.8
225½	176½	PIC Intl	222	-3	..	..
127½	89½	Paramount Foods	120½	..	5.4	13.8
57	28½	Pascoe's	38½	..	..	..
149½	82½	Perkins Food	143½	+½	4.0	18.5
88	69½	Plant & Gen	79	..	..	..
92	58	Sentry Farm	68	..	5.5	..
39½	19½	Sims Food	37½	-2	..	7.6
583	440½	Tate & Lyle	488	+6	3.5	11.0
167	111½	Treat	136	..	5.7	10.4
738½	591½	Unigate	659	-8½	4.2	14.2
741	345½	Unilever	670	+11½	1.6	31.5
5053½	3500	Unilever (NV)	4887½	+68¾	1.4	13.7
300	216½	Utd Biscuits	240	-1	5.5	17.1
62½	44½	WT Foods	57½	..	3.3	..

HEALTHCARE

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
541	318½	Alliance UniChem	526	+3	2.3	23.3
170	135	Assoc Nursing	170	..	3.0	..
1015	693	Bespak	1012½	..	1.6	29.0
525	115	Biocompat Intl	122½	+1½	..	..
245½	144	Care UK	237½	..	0.7	25.5
88½	28½	Cetets	35	..	..	..
550½	389½	Community H	538½	..	2.8	19.7
34½	26½	CrestaCare	34½	..	3.6	16.4
18½	7½	Enviromed	14	-½	..	64.6
164½	122½	Ferraris Group	132½	+1	3.2	11.4
172½	144½	Gyrus	160	..	..	..
233	141	Haslgh Tec	210	..	1.8	24.6
138½	76½	Innovative Tech	83½	..	..	..
95	68	Intercare Gp	74½	-1	5.8	41.2
593	495	Isotron	547½	..	1.5	19.6
222	150	Lon Intl	214½	+1½	1.5	33.4
360	190½	Nestor Hlth	322½	..	1.5	34.6
532	335½	Nycomed Amsh	454½	+2½	1.0	26.1
5½	5½	Premier Health#	5½	..	..	..
11	6½	Regina	8½	..	..	..
508½	255½	Scholl	469	-1½	2.2	26.4
822½	501½	Seton Scholl	746½	-3½	1.7	23.0
810	430	Shield Diag	470	+10	..	..
230	171½	Sinclair Mont	177½	-1	0.1	63.2
194	142	Smith & Neph	150½	+1	4.1	13.9
2½	1½	Tamarist	2	..	5.5	..
412½	295	West Hillcare	316½	+1	2.7	14.4

HOUSEHOLD GDS & TEXT

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
177½	132½	Airsprung	150	+1½	6.1	7.8
220	165½	Alba	211½	-1	3.9	..
85	55	Allbond	67½	..	6.1	7.8
166½	120½	Alexandra	151	..	5.8	12.1
187½	124	Allied Textile	125	-1	8.5	8.2
25½	13½	Ambray	20½	..	4.5	59.9
305	157	BLP Group	160	..	5.9	5.8
285½	206	Baird (Wm)	207½	..	6.2	10.7
53½	48½	Black Birsert	48½	..	1.9	..
148½	97½	Black Arrow	108½	..	5.0	8.9
421½	364	Black (Peter)	364	-2	2.2	17.0
94½	76	British Mohair	85	..	5.8	7.3
88½	13	Claremont Gar	42	+2½	6.0	..
100	70½	Coats Viyella	79½	..	8.9	28.7
182½	138½	Cornwell Pkr Sp	140	..	2.9	11.2
368	285	Courtaulds Text	290	..	8.6	11.0
33½	22½	Creighton	22½	..	..	..
13½	5	Dalkeith	5½	..	7.1	..
68½	38½	Dawson	41½	..	10.8	6.0
167½	128	Denby Group	147½	..	4.0	10.8
287½	177	Dewhirst	186	+8½	3.6	11.3
27½	17	Dinkle Heel	17	..	8.9	8.2
27	11½	Drummond Group	17	..	3.7	36.5
130	104½	Eclipse Blinds	117½	-2	3.8	10.3
42	29	Elbief	33½	..	4.5	7.0
131½	82½	FII Group	85	..	5.9	8.5
34	24	Fecpel Trading	25	..	11.0	..
18½	7½	Foster (J)	4½	..	..	..
44½	35½	Franco	35½	..	5.5	..
502½	341½	Gaskell	438	+4½	2.4	8.5
78½	45	Haggas (J)	48½	-19	11.6	9.4
12½	8½	Hartstone Group	12½	..	1.6	..
257½	192½	Hicking Pentecost	194	-8½	5.3	..
4	2½	Hollas Group#	2½	..	..	..
18½	10½	Honeysuckle Grp#	14	..	..	..
102	62½	Horace Small	82	..	..	..
495	260	IWP Intl	352½	..	1.8	..
25½	9½	Jacques Vert	10½	..	..	..
52½	33½	Jerome Grp	34	-1	12.4	12.2
320	277	Jones Stroud	278½	..	5.8	11.8
72½	47½	Jourdan (T)	59½	-1	3.2	..
134	80	Kenwood App	110	+14	..	12.2
245	200	Lambert Howarth	226	..	4.7	10.0
152	119	Lamont Hldgs	119	-3	13.4	8.4
123	62	Leeds Group	63½	..	13.8	4.6
17	8½	Leslie Wise	11	..	17.0	4.7
16	11½	Lionheart	11½	..	4.3	9.3
90	68	Lyles (S)	79	..	4.0	8.0
210	165	McBride	174½	+1	5.1	12.7
138	103½	Mayborn	122½	..	8.2	8.6
650	550	Osborne & Little	575	..	5.0	10.7
4½	2½	PEX Group	2½	..	4.6	..
126	23½	Paddard Group	25	..	21.0	..
475	435	Paterson Zoch	455	..	4.8	10.1
425	375	Paterson Zoch 'A'	406	..	5.4	9.0
128	108	Pentland Group	108	-1½	4.3	15.4
230	185	Pifco	210	..	3.9	10.7
203	185	Pifco 'A' Vtg	199	..	4.1	10.1
60½	37½	Pittards	42½	..	10.8	9.4
44½	38	Readicut Intl	40½	-½	8.0	..
1300	852	Reckitt Colmn	1154	+9	2.1	21.4
620	430½	Relyon	553½	..	3.2	17.8
36	17½	Richards	20½	..	12.2	..
227½	174½	Royal Doulton	216	..	5.8	23.3
32½	20½	SEET	29½	..	..	..
45½	25½	Sherwood Group	38½	+½	11.7	10.3
110½	89½	Shiloh	98½	..	5.4	11.9
365	260	Silentnight	275	..	5.2	11.2
70½	52½	Sirdar	59	..	11.8	7.5
53	38½	Stirling Group	43½	..	7.5	7.9
18½	9½	Stoddard	10½	..	..	..
252½	125	Stoves	138½	+1	5.8	8.4
278½	123	Swallowfield	123½	-30	8.1	5.9
208½	147	Tomkinsons	148½	..	9.7	7.5
142	134	Ulster (F)	135½	..	10.1	7.0
80	60	Victoria	72	..	6.1	6.7
157½	117½	Vymura	157½	+15½	4.3	11.1
74	40	Walker Greenbk	66½	-½	7.0	10.8
105½	78½	Wilford Walgrd	80½	+1	2.1	22.7
100½	59½	Wensum	95½	..	8.6	8.1
195	185	Wood (Arthur)	185	..	4.7	12.3
140	89½	Yorklyde	90	..	6.9	14.2

INSURANCE

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
4265½	3250	Am Gen	4265½	+34½	2.1	..
149½	108	Angerstein	141½	..	9.3	11.0
4325	3309½	Aon Corpn	4268½	+6¼	1.6	..
65½	40½	Bradstock	40½	-½	15.3	..
1364	1102½	Britannic	1148	+½	3.7	7.7
1300	707	CGU	1140	+12	2.9	23.1
167	129	CLM Insce	163½	-½	10.5	10.0
277½	262½	Charles Taylor	262½	..	2.2	29.9
535½	237	Cox Insce	456	+3½	1.2	26.7
555	495	Dom & Gen	545	..	2.3	30.0
159	112	Euclidian	136½	..	13.7	16.9
491½	333	FBD 'E'	445½	-½	2.1	17.0
495	325	GRE	372	+7	3.2	5.4
748½	441½	Hibernian 'E'	624½	+13½	1.6	12.3
261	165	Hiscox	232½	..	1.8	28.4
397½	229	Independent	338½	+2	1.2	16.9
692½	342½	Irish Life	567½	+2½	2.4	16.5
193½	151½	Jardine Lyd Th	178	..	7.0	11.9
195½	187	Mbl Capital	184½	..	9.3	..
120½	100½	Lambert Fen	102½	..	7.1	..
785	532	Legal & Gen	671	+6	2.4	16.8
2278½	1106½	Liberty Life	1106½	-53½	2.8	12.8
244	145	Limit	216½	..	4.3	4.8
637½	482	London & Man	483½	-½	6.4	19.9
3731¼	2881¼	Marsh McLn	3562½	-46¼	2.3	..
135	100	Masthead	130½	..	16.6	6.6
87	78	New London Cap	84	..	8.9	12.3
558	385	Norwich Union	446	+9	3.3	17.7
156	102½	Ockham	148½	..	3.8	17.2
110½	81½	Oriel	108½	..	6.7	..
138	117	Premium Trust	134½	..	3.6	27.7
1000	854	Prudential	789	-9	2.4	18.8
24½	17½	PWS	23	..	4.1	5.1
825	590	Royal & Sun Al	635½	+5½	3.6	16.9
383	187½	St James Place	328½	+2	0.6	38.6
169½	123½	Sedgwick	137½	-3	5.1	12.3
29	21½	Steel Burrill	22½	..	8.9	..
645	434½	Sun Life & Pr	557½	+9½	2.6	27.1
160	110	Syndicate Cap#	160	..	7.2	12.6
631	521½	Utd Assurance	557½	-8	4.7	12.1
261½	147½	Wellington	261½	+5½	3.6	11.0
173½	128½	Willis Corroon	156½	+2	5.4	13.2
16	11½	Windsor	14½	..	5.2	..
181½	146½	Wren	181½	..	9.0	14.5

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
678	490	3i	612	+2	2.1	33.9
65	47½	Aberdeen Emg Ec	55½	..	..	..
187½	98½	Aberdeen High Inc	129	-½	7.5	19.2
133	84	Abrdn New Dawn	100½	-1½	2.1	..
257	208½	Aberdn Smlr	225	-1	3.9	25.2
159½	118	Aberdn Sm Wts	130½	..	..	..
3086	2465	Alliance	3028½	+16	2.4	46.4
726½	584	Anglo & O'seas	712½	+5½	1.8	64.1
74½	57	Aust Opps	58	..	0.5	..
67	50½	Baillie Gifford SN	58	-1	..	..
299	239½	Bankers	275½	+2	2.2	44.7
118	85½	Baring Em Eu	97½	+½	..	..
613½	468½	Baring Tribune	596	+1	1.7	65.9
142½	114½	Br Assets	133½	+1½	4.6	26.0
122½	105	Br Empire Sec	118½	..	1.1	64.2
61½	42½	Brazilian	48½	+½	..	..
379½	313	Brunner	362	+2½	2.3	55.2
110	74½	Cairngorm Dev	79½	-½	1.4	..
1000	737½	Candover	875	+5	2.9	35.9
68½	53½	Central Euro Gwth	55½	+½	..	..
523	384	Chd Europen	504	+1	1.5	..
198	168	City Merch Hi	190	+1½	6.2	15.6
281	230	City Of Lon	263½	+2	3.1	36.4
77½	74½	Danae Inc Inc	75	..	13.8	9.6
635	530	Derby Cap	595	+2½	..	..
139½	127½	Derby Inc	137½	+1	17.7	4.3
242½	170½	Dres RCM Smlr	227½	..	1.4	..
220½	174½	Dunedin Inc G	207½	..	3.6	32.8
487	335½	Dunedin Smlr	428½	..	3.1	36.4
239½	170	Dunedin Wwide	216½	+1½	1.8	..
60½	40	Edin Dragon	46½	-½	..	..
29½	21	Edinburgh Inca	23½	..	..	..
519	413½	Edinburgh IT	489	+2	2.9	33.8
105	81½	Edin Japan	93½	..	..	..
532	424½	Edin US Tk	530	+3	0.9	..
673	527	Electra Inv	645½	-1½	2.0	45.5
189½	157	Eng & Scot	176	+1½	2.5	38.1
29½	22½	Edf Cap	23	..	..	..
605½	374	European Asset	566½	+½	0.8	..
70½	40½	Fidity Asian Val	49½	+½	..	..
398	277½	Fidity Euro Val	365	+4	0.2	..
32½	25	Fidity Jap Val	30	-½	..	..
177½	135½	Fidity Spec Val	163½	+½	1.0	..
281	217½	Finsbury 'A'	276½	..	1.8	..
223	173	Finsbury Gwth	211½	..	2.1	59.3
155½	116½	Five Arr Chile	119½	+½	2.6	54.0
18½	1½	Five Arr Wts	1½	..	..	..
647½	513½	Fleming Amer	623	+3	0.4	..
64	34½	Fleming Asian	42½	-½	..	..
12½	5	Fleming Asian Wts	9½	+½	..	..
64½	30½	Fleming Chinese	36½	+½	..	..
27½	10½	Fleming Ch Wts	18½	+½	..	..
507½	401½	Fleming Claver	477	+5	1.8	66.1
699½	471	Fleming Contl	655	+6	0.5	..
134	99	Fleming Em Mkts	107½	+1½	0.5	..
392½	271	Fleming Eng	352½	+1½	1.9	52.5
411	387	Flem Grd Gth Ord	389	+4½	0.9	..
162½	143½	Flem Grd Gth Pfd	161½	+½	10.0	..
132½	103	Fleming Inc Cap	124	+½	5.7	18.9
112½	105½	Fleming Ing Inc	107½	..	11.5	9.9
350½	246½	Fleming Ing Cap	317	+1	..	..
50½	34½	Fleming Indian	36½	..	..	..
12½	4½	Fleming In Wts	7	-½	..	..
167½	121	Fleming Japan	140½	-1½	..	..
478	364½	Fleming Merc	417½	+4½	3.2	37.6
92	70½	Fleming Nat Res	70½	-½	0.4	..
453½	350½	Fleming Overs	412	+2½	1.4	..
200½	148½	Fleming Smlr Co	185½	..	3.0	54.2
505½	371½	Fleming US Disc	466½	+2	0.3	..
210½	168	Foreign & Col	199	+1½	1.4	69.6
134½	97	F&C Inc Gwth	114	+½	4.0	28.4
107½	71½	F&C Emg Mkts	80	+½	..	..
302½	185	F&C Enterprise	293½	-1½	1.7	63.5
543	361½	F&C Eurotst	522	+7	0.6	..
131	95	F&C Pacific	109	-1	2.1	55.9
182½	144½	F&C PEP	171½	..	3.3	37.4
227	177	F&C Smaller	213½	-½	1.6	..
179½	144½	F&C US Smlr	168	-1	..	..
68½	60½	Framlin Inc	66	-½	10.0	11.1
173½	109½	Framlin Cap	157½	+2½	..	..
285	133½	Fomd Dual Cp	243½	+3½	..	..
63½	38½	Fulcrum Cap	57	+½	..	..
22½	12½	Fulcrum Inc	12½	..	64.6	1.2
198	186	Fulcrum Zero	195½	+½	..	..
335	270½	Gartmore Brit	331	..	3.4	..
347½	242½	Gartmore Euro	336½	+4½	0.5	..
158	110	Gartmore Shrd	150	..	8.2	14.9
482½	345½	G'more Smlr Cos	429½	..	1.7	63.4
88½	52½	Geared Inc Ord	72½	-1½	7.7	..
60	51½	Geared Inc Inc	58	..	8.6	..
108	101	Geared Inc 6 Pf	106	..	..	..
103	59	Gov Asn Smr Cos	70½	+½	1.0	..
92½	65	Gov Emg Mkts	71½	+½	0.7	..
215	151½	Govett Am Smlr	206½	+1	..	..
98½	81½	Govett High Inc	98	+4	7.1	..
108½	72	Govett Oriental	77	+½	1.1	82.1
499	379½	Govett Strategic	462	+3	2.1	43.7
39½	18½	Gresham House	30½	..	1.5	2.3
147½	119	GT Inc Growth	136½	-½	3.1	30.1
180½	130	GT Japan	149	-1½	0.3	..
156½	114½	Gota Fl Ex Inct	150½	+1½	8.9	..
76	61	Henderson Am Cp	74½	+½	..	..
122½	115½	Henderson Am In	122½	+½	8.1	18.3
43½	29	Henderson Am Wt	40½	+½	..	..
360	281½	Hend Elec Gen	347	+1	1.4	..
132½	84	Hend Far East	94½	-1	8.0	13.5
580	452	Hend Gwtrand	570	..	1.7	71.5
174½	151½	Hend High Inc	174	+1½	4.8	23.7
42½	30½	Hend Jap Smlr	36½	-½	..	..
300	219	Hend Smlr	278½	..	1.8	67.1
626½	495	Hend Strat	613½	+3	0.1	..
69½	44	Hend TR Pac	49½	+½	0.6	71.9
120½	89½	Hend Tech	117½	+1½	..	..
203	135½	Herald	194	+½	0.5	..
133½	105½	High Income Tr	133½	+1½	6.4	16.7
174½	140	H Govett Smlr	165½	..	2.8	43.2
196½	139½	M&S UK Smlr	185	..	2.0	63.9
214½	180	Inv Cap	197	+1	3.7	28.7
97	58½	Int Biotec	59	-½	..	..
20	1½	Int Biotec Wts	2	..	..	..
59½	34½	INVESCO Asian	42½	+½	1.9	..
217½	175½	INVESCO Eng Int	196½	..	0.9	81.9
36½	25½	INVESCO Jap Dis	30	-½	..	..
49½	25½	INVESCO Korea	29½	-½	..	..
33½	22½	INVESCO Tokyo	26½	-½	..	..
197½	83½	JF Fledg Jap	95½	-1½	..	..
294½	135	J Fry Euro U	188	+1½	3.7	..
123½	65½	J Fry Utl	122	..	5.8	14.5
91½	79½	J Fry Utl Inc	89	..	7.9	64.5
150	121½	Jupiter Ex Inc	149½	+½	6.8	18.2
43½	19½	Jupiter Ex IncWt	38½	..	..	..
105	91	Jupiter Gbl Cap	98½	..	18.2	10.4
51½	44	Jupiter Gbl Pfd	49½	+½	..	..
160½	135½	Jupiter Intl Gro	155½	..	3.3	..
872½	518	Jupiter Prism	775	+12½	1.0	..
104	79½	Klwrt E Mkt	87	+1½	..	..
178½	164½	Klwrt End	177	+1	..	..
155	118	Klwrt H Inc	144	..	8.7	14.6
201½	89	Korea-Euro	89½	..	1.2	44.4
132	97	Latin American	103½	..	..	..
1289	1077½	Law Debenture	1241½	+7	2.9	34.5
121½	111½	Lib Oil Opp	118½	..	..	..
181½	124½	Lloyds Sml Cap	149½	+½	..	..
22	16½	Lloyds Sm Dir	19½	..	28.2	4.4
178	143	Lloyds Sm Pkg	179	+1	3.2	..
217½	173½	Lon St Lawrence	209	..	3.6	32.4
429	341½	Lowland	418½	+½	3.5	35.7
812½	797½	M&G 2nd Dual Cp	800	..	..	..
51½	50	M&G 2nd Dual Inc	50	..	..	1.6
101	75½	M&G Inc Geared	95½	+½	7.9	17.2
78½	54	M&G Inc Inv 1st Cp	73½	+½	..	..
26½	21½	M&G Inc Inv Ts Inc	21½	..	..	3.6
183½	150½	M&G Inc Package	178	..	4.2	31.9
85	77½	M&G Inc Zero Div	80½	..	..	..
70½	51	M&G Rec Cap	59½	..	..	..
85½	53½	M&G Rec Geared	80½	+½	8.2	..
28	21	M&G Rec Inc	22	..	..	..
206	180	M&G Rec Paccat	201	..	3.7	..
114½	108½	M&G Rec Zero Div	113½	..	..	..
226½	160½	M Currie Euro	216	+1	8.5	..
84½	60	M Currie Japan	70½	-½	..	..
125½	86	M Currie Pac	95½	-½	2.5	38.8
366½	292½	Majedie	361½	+½	2.4	54.9
436½	355	Merchants	414½	+1½	4.3	27.9
178	132	Mercury Euro Prf	167½	+½	2.0	40.0
98	50½	Mercury Eur Wt	90½	+½	..	..
74½	56½	Mercury World	58½	+1½	1.7	64.0
830	677½	Monks Inv Tst	795½	+7	1.5	64.5
209½	180	Morg Gren Inc	194½	+1	4.5	27.2
106½	80½	Morg Wts	93½	..	..	..
82	68½	Morg Latn Amer	68½	+½	0.7	..
32½	18½	Morg Wts	22½	+½	..	..
142½	110½	Murray Em	134	..	2.9	45.9
29½	10	Murray Em Wts	21	..	..	..
71	48½	Murray Emg Eco	53½	+½	1.5	66.0
11½	4½	Murray Em Ec Wt	7	..	..	..
538	448	Murray Incmet	504	+1	3.6	36.1
505	431½	Murray Intl	474	+4	3.7	31.4
213½	205½	Murray S/C DP	213½	..	..	..
395	270	Murray S/C Cap	365	+2½	..	..
64½	52½	Murray S/C Inc	54½	-½	28.2	4.3
5150	4350	Murray S/C Unst	4300	..	3.1	39.0
434½	340	Murray Small	383	+1½	2.0	..
416	379½	Murray Ventr	392½	..	4.8	..
289½	271½	Natwest Ent	286½	..	2.2	44.2
5½	2½	Newmarket	2½	..	..	..
56½	33½	Pacific Assets	37½	+½	1.3	78.6
135½	83	Perpetual Euro	128½	+2	0.4	..
156½	125	Perp Inc Gth	137	+1½	3.7	..
37	26½	Perpetual Jap	31	-½	..	..
424½	322½	Perpt UK Sm Co	394	+½	2.2	80.3
£200½	£168	Personal Assets	£197½	..	1.6	55.5
159	130½	Prolific Inc	144½	+½	3.7	31.1
369½	270	RIT Cap Ptnr	357	-1½	0.7	..
558½	516½	Robeco	530	-½	2.8	61.4
566	524	Rolinco	537½	-½	0.8	..
59½	37½	Schrd Asn Pac	39½	..	1.6	..
73	51	Schrod Emg Co	57	+1	..	..
165½	142	Schrod Inc Gwth	155½	+½	3.6	27.9
61½	43	Schrod Jap Gwth	50	-1½	..	..
282½	141½	Schrod Korea	143½	..	..	..
93½	43½	Schrod Split Cap	74	+½	..	..
135	114½	Schrod Split Inc	127	..	8.5	15.2
160	154½	Schrod Split Zero	157	..	..	..
179½	142	Schrod UK Gwth	159½	+1	2.9	..
190½	165½	Schrod Vent Intl	181½	-½	1.2	..
385½	311	Scott	376½	+1½	2.1	59.9
233	183½	Scot American	227	+2	3.0	39.5
144½	91½	Scot Asian	105	..	..	..
140½	110½	Scot Eastern	139½	+1½	1.9	52.2
398½	316½	Scot Mtge	378	+3	1.8	62.9
105½	100½	Scot Nat Tst	104½	..	11.6	11.0
153	119½	Scot Value	147	..	1.7	30.8
2755	2168½	Second Alliance	2675	+15	2.5	50.1
133½	112½	Secs Tst of Scot	129½	+1½	3.9	31.0
207	149½	Shires Smlr	193	..	4.0	30.4
183½	133½	Smaller Cos	171½	+½	2.4	61.3
399	353	St Andrew Inv	394	..	3.2	33.6
607½	494	Temple Bar	568	+5	4.0	30.3
103½	82½	Throgmorton	92½	-½	3.2	49.9
128½	94	Tmpltn Emg Mkt	101½	+½	1.4	59.4
266	167½	TR Euro Growth	258½	+4½	0.4	..
52½	44½	TR Property	47	..	3.0	34.5
412½	374	TR Tech Inv	400	..	11.9	32.0
364	273	Torday Trust	336½	..	1.3	..
169½	146½	Undervalued Asst	159½	..	1.8	40.8
167	152	Value Inc Tst	161½	-½	3.7	29.9
138½	102½	Value Realt	132½	+1½	1.1	..
56	40½	Warrants & Val	52½	-½	..	..
110½	87½	Wigmore	103	..	0.6	..
396	310½	Witan	382	+2½	2.3	47.2
74½	69½	Yeoman Inc	69½	+½	..	4.3

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LEISURE & HOTELS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
29½	11	ABI Leis#	13½	..	15.1	..
543½	405½	Airtours	467½	+6½	1.6	24.5
33	23½	Ald Leis	25	+½	5.1	7.9
21	16	Arena Leis	20½	..	..	40.6
157½	115	BS Group	140	..	4.5	..
135	110	Baldwin	130	..	3.8	10.6
120	82	Bluebird Toys	114½	..	10.4	10.5
800	575	Boosey Hwks	632½	+22½	2.0	25.2
35½	27½	Burndene	32	..	9.1	7.5
159½	75½	Capital Corpn	79½	+1	8.1	6.9
104½	55	Clevedon	100	..	2.5	22.7
109½	70½	Clubhaus	93	-½	..	24.7
305	144	EMC	146½	-18	0.4	..
318	223	Eurocamp	243	-2	6.1	8.4
109½	67	Euro Disney	107½	..	..	..
146½	120½	Euro Leisure	131½	..	4.0	8.3
175	100	First Choice	184	+4½	2.2	22.4
437½	289½	First Leisure	349	+1	3.3	18.4
159½	110½	Friendly Hotels	150	-½	4.9	12.9
1217	837	Granada	1101	+3	1.7	20.9
51½	38½	Hi-Tec Sports	44	+1	5.7	8.5
289	207½	Holmes Place	247½	+2	1.5	29.7
282½	165½	Hornby	230	..	3.5	11.2
373	305	Hoseasons	307½	-3½	4.6	17.6
200	148	Jarvis Hotels	169½	..	3.4	10.0
569½	351½	Jurys Hotel	541½	+38½	1.8	..
37½	24½	Kunick	33½	..	3.1	15.4
370	250	Ladbroke	322½	+4½	2.3	23.5
328½	140½	London Clubs	164	+2½	5.3	12.0
243½	182½	Macdonald Htl	209½	..	3.0	..
161½	123½	Man Utd	150½	-½	1.2	25.8
58½	33½	Mandarin Ornt	38½	-1	5.5	8.2
620½	418½	Millennium & Cop	598½	-½	2.0	20.8
1½	½	Millwall Hldgs	1	..	..	..
102½	72½	Newcastle Utd	74½	..	2.7	8.0
300	170½	Northern	171½	-3	2.9	21.0
76½	50½	Prism Leisure	51½	..	16.6	3.5
30	19½	Queensborough	25	..	1.9	10.1
43½	12½	Queens Moat	38½	..	..	8.5
421	283½	Rank Grp	317	-8	7.1	12.3
49	38½	Regal Hotel	41	..	3.8	7.9
84½	50½	Ryan Hotels IE	70½	-2	3.4	..
1900	1175	Savoy Hotel 'A'	1550	..	1.7	25.4
51½	26½	Sheffield United	27½	..	..	..
252½	172½	Sinclair (Wm)	188½	-3	6.0	9.1
80½	63½	Southampton	69½	..	1.8	..
143½	91	Stakis	121	..	2.8	15.9
298½	250½	Stanley Leisure	288½	..	1.8	28.4
10	4	Tandem	8½	..	..	..
346	346	Topkings	346	..	1.3	25.6
250½	157	Thistle Hotels	217½	-½	2.4	17.8
200	172½	Thomson Travel	184½	+½	1.9	22.4
79½	59½	Tottenham Hot	67½	+1	1.9	17.9
212½	135½	Vardon	174½	-½	1.7	21.1
412½	302½	Wembley	400	-1½	0.9	70.0
162½	116½	Zetters Gp	132½	+7½	9.9	7.7

MEDIA

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
445	324	Abbot Mead	417½	-½	1.9	32.0
179½	145½	Adscene	145½	..	7.3	15.2
100½	64½	Aegis Grp	97	..	0.7	26.7
154	70	Aspen Gp	98	..	3.5	..
195	149½	Atlantic Telecom	149½	..	..	..
232	185	Barbour Index	230	..	5.5	26.3
3	1½	Bidvale	1½	..	..	..
400	320	Black (A&C)	382½	..	4.6	15.3
370½	267½	Border TV	322½	-9	2.7	24.8
515	410	Bristol	492½	-1	4.3	12.1
318½	229½	Bell Attwal	241½	-4	1.0	34.8
594	333	BSkyB	438	+4	1.7	27.9
747½	497	Capital Radio	708½	..	2.5	22.2
562	408	Carlton Comm	537½	+4½	3.0	19.9
402½	145	Chelsea Grp	383½	..	1.6	15.1
68	48	Chrome Comics	62½	..	3.8	17.1
787½	602½	Chrysalis	787½	..	0.4	..
92½	77	City of Lon	82½	..	9.3	12.2
106½	83½	Copyright Promo	101½	..	..	51.5
137	88	Cordiant Comm	132½	-½	0.9	22.3
188½	143½	Creative Publ	170½	..	5.5	13.5
3184½	2034½	Daily Mail	2812½	..	1.1	28.8
3250	2300	Daily Mail 'A'	2768½	+49½	1.1	28.4
208½	129½	Dorling	150½	+3	..	..
257	203	Dorling Kind	210	..	2.7	58.0
485	255½	Dudley Jenkins	455	-5	1.4	32.5
1288	905	EMAP	1259	+22	1.5	27.5
685	430	EMI	514	-5	3.2	25.4
1117½	877½	Essex	919	+1½	2.7	73.6
2412½	1495	Euromoney Pb	2332½	..	2.8	24.1
69	50½	Fitch	68½	..	1.3	12.2
581	408	Flextech	567½	..	..	..
245	155½	GWR Grp	224	..	1.9	..
335	197½	Gartbyle Exec	225	+2½	4.4	10.3
55½	34½	Goodhead	46	..	1.4	15.1
545	290	HIT Ent	545	..	0.2	68.9
297½	262½	Haynes Pb	275	..	5.1	11.5
14½	9½	Highbury Hse	11½	..	..	77.8
280	204	Harlder Hse	255	..	3.4	16.9
580	400	Home Counts	560	..	1.3	34.9
537	365	ISC	529½	+½	2.6	16.7
93½	70½	ITE Group	74½	+1½	..	..
30½	15½	Incepta	25½	-½	1.6	11.8
397½	317½	Independent	317½	-5	2.5	22.2
59½	40½	Int Publ Rel	50	..	4.3	10.4
162	122	Intercanal	130½	..	4.9	9.0
250	196½	Johnston Press	237½	-9½	1.6	17.7
366½	314½	LLP Group	314½	..	1.9	25.6
60	31	Lopex	50	-2	2.5	10.7
472½	305	Mecom	455	..	1.6	25.1
38½	14½	Medi-Key	18	-1	8.3	6.6
1400	960	Metal Bulletin	1352½	-17½	2.1	35.1
249	170	Mirror Gp	223½	-2	2.8	16.5
1190	775	More Gp	1125½	..	1.9	33.3
489½	333	News Corp	484	-1	0.2	22.4
428	292½	News Corp Pref	428	+5½	0.6	..
337½	252½	Newsquest	329½	+1	2.1	18.5
15½	11½	Osprey Comms	12½	..	..	..
1250	765	Pearson	1113	+7	2.2	31.9
56½	34½	Phoenix	41½	..	..	..
1145	867½	Portmn Sunf	1149	+17½	2.0	..
115½	51½	Quarto	58½	..	5.7	13.4
730	448½	Reed Intl	545½	+10½	3.3	29.7
770	525½	Reuters	582	-5½	2.4	25.5
185	100½	Saatchi	165	..	0.9	..
830	551	Scot Med	809½	-½	3.5	17.8
561	375	Scot Radio	561	+10	2.2	20.4
14½	6½	Snacey Kids	12½	-2	..	..
585	445	Southnews	576½	-3½	2.3	17.3
25½	12½	Starlog Pub	13	-½	3.3	5.1
79½	50½	Talkland	59½	-1	..	..
145½	85½	Taylor Nelson	131	+9	1.0	40.7
270	204	Television Cp	236	..	2.0	16.7
253½	153½	Tempus Gp	250½	..	1.4	27.1
1925	1549½	Thomson Corp	1857½	+52½	2.6	38.2
573	479	Trinity	489	-2½	3.4	15.3
245	177	Ulster TV	177	..	4.0	16.4
953	630	United News	672	-15	2.3	19.0
115½	62½	VCI	63½	+1	15.6	4.7
127½	75½	VTR	119½	..	5.5	7.7
438½	240	WPP	427	+6	0.5	25.9
203½	123½	Woodchester	179½	+2½	1.0	32.5

MINING

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3440½	2290½	Ang Am Coal	2843½	-109½	5.0	9.6
3953½	1952½	Ang Am Corp	1987½	-18½	3.4	..
3268½	2052½	Ang Am Gold	2240½	+12½	5.0	19.8
971½	684½	Anglo Am Plat	769½	+46½	2.8	26.0
3352½	2049½	Anglogold	2443½	+50	7.0	14.4
22½	14½	Anglo Pac Gp	14½	..	..	..
31½	20½	Arden Intl	23	..	..	..
645½	417½	Ashanti	478	-10½	2.5	15.8
66½	26	Ashton	33½	+½	4.4	..
112	41½	Avocet	42½	..	..	..
187½	117	Billiton	132	-5	4.6	10.9
35	31½	Bisichi	31½	..	3.7	16.3
20½	13	Bougainville	14	+½	..	..
259½	193	Central Pacific	207	+13½	..	..
50	21½	Cons Murchison	34½	+6	..	1.0
1609½	1021½	De Beers	1021½	-21½	4.5	7.4
426½	293½	Driefontein	307½	-7½	3.3	12.2
225½	88	Durban	127½	-½	..	..
92½	54	E Rand Gold	59½	-2½	23.0	4.4
18½	10½	E Rand Prop	12½	-½	..	21.3
283	128½	Elandsrand	176	-7½	7.9	12.6
273½	207	Eng China Cl	212½	+4	7.8	9.9
168½	92	Exander	134½	-5½	9.3	..
385½	132	FS Cons	245½	-10½	12.4	8.1
71½	17	FS Dev	25½	-5½	..	..
1193½	675	GFSA	703½	..	3.2	17.6
148½	89½	Gencor	107½	+11	2.9	13.2
145½	91½	Gold Fields Prop	91½	-4	6.8	12.2
41	14½	Greenwich R 'A'	22½	+½	..	..
356½	112½	Harmony	259½	-5½	..	8.1
793½	443½	Impala Plat	621½	+59½	2.2	15.4
13½	9½	Kinross Res	10	..	..	..
33½	14	Kidston	17½	+1	..	..
369	239½	Lonrho	298½	+6½	7.2	11.5
11½	4½	Metallica	6	..	..	..
42	25½	MIM	30½	+1	3.0	..
1175	706½	Minorco	746½	+3½	5.2	9.2
105	65	Monkeyso	80	..	5.4	..
73½	45½	Normandy	53½	+1½	4.1	12.1
177½	114½	North	133	-1	3.8	19.8
60	22½	Pelalling Tin	27½	+3	1.6	..
111	48½	RGC	62½	+2	5.9	3.5
170	80	RJB	135	+3	18.5	1.7
29½	12½	Randgold	23	..	17.6	5.0
196½	77½	Randfontein	139½	-2½	3.4	18.1
121½	62½	Reunion Mng	70½	..	..	..
898	641	Rio Tinto	690	+2	4.6	73.0
871	660½	Rio Tinto Lon	698½	-½	3.7	18.0
6½	3½	St Barbara	4½	+½	..	..
191	102½	St Helena	120½	-5	21.6	2.1
192½	138½	Sons Gwalia	160½	+6½	5.9	12.1
130½	74½	Sthn Pacific	85	+1½	..	..
1328½	793½	Southvaal	849½	-34½	11.3	8.8
239½	162½	WMC	191½	+5½	2.3	25.4
27	11½	Wankie Col Z	11½	-½	6.0	..
67½	29½	Water Hall	32½	..	..	..
443	381½	Wells Blake	406	..	5.4	12.1
1758½	975	Western Deep	1112½	-46½	5.9	..
149	86½	Zambia Copper	86½	-3½	..	..

OIL & GAS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
221½	155½	Abbot Group	210½	..	1.5	27.2
32½	19½	Alliance Res#	32½	..	..	..
64½	49½	Arnoco	49½	..	..	..
77	50½	Ass Oil & Gas	58	-½	2.5	20.0
27½	9½	Aviva Pet	10	..	..	..
430	296	Br Borneo	309	+10	1.1	56.4
391	265	BG	363	+7	2.8	34.5
972	708½	Br Petroleum	910	+13	3.1	22.4
1½	½	Bula Resources	1½	..	..	..
1340	895	Burmah Castrol	1071	+11	3.8	15.7
498½	261½	Cairn Energy	278½	+4	..	50.4
119	89	Candecca	101½	+½	..	..
14½	6	Coplex Res	7	..	..	..
22½	15½	Dana Pet	15½	..	..	..
72½	35½	Dragon Oil	41½	..	..	..
28½	19	Edin Oil & Gas	22	..	1.7	16.0
10	5½	Emerald Energy	6½	..	..	..
697	510	Enterprise	551	+6	3.9	28.8
14½	7½	Fortune	7½	+½	..	29.8
294½	209½	Hardy Oil	209½	..	0.5	44.1
47½	31½	JKX Oil & Gas	36½	..	..	..
430	201	KBC Adv Tech	205	..	2.0	18.1
305	229	LASMO	242	+½	1.0	54.9
42½	32½	Lasmo Units	33	-1	25.5	..
83	56½	Monument	58	+½	..	20.7
3118½	2612½	Norsk Hydro	2650	-26½	2.2	16.3
133½	87½	Oil Search	93	+3	..	..
58	37½	Petroz	38½	+2½	..	..
54½	37	Premier	42½	+½	1.8	9.0
58	28½	Pittencrieff Rs	29½	..	..	..
449½	331	Ranger	438	+4½	4.4	7.8
3616½	3031½	Royal Dtch Fl	3386½	+28½	2.8	25.9
5149¾	3971½	Schlumberger	4046½	-62½	1.1	..
489½	385	Shell	429	+5	3.4	24.1
370½	212½	SOCO Intl	214	..	..	23.0
8187½	5843½	Total	7884½	+119½	1.7	..
932½	187½	XCL	195	..	..	..

OTHER FINANCIAL

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
134	87½	Aberdeen Asset	119½	..	4.2	45.1
775	487	AMVESCAP	608	+3	1.2	27.9
229½	120½	BWD	215½	+5½	4.4	19.4
55½	42½	Berry Ben Mort	44½	..	5.8	..
294	240	Biotech Inv	255	..	..	..
443	245½	Brewin Dolphin	416	+6	2.9	20.2
975	725	Caledonia	917	+4½	2.8	27.2
4507	2800	Cazenove	4500	..	1.0	10.3
683	398½	Cattles	605	+3½	2.0	30.2
57½	37½	Christie	52½	..	3.7	..
933	526½	Close Bros	837½	+20½	1.9	24.3
612	433	EFM	575	..	5.4	13.8
32½	20	Exco	21	..	4.5	..
42½	19½	Fishers-Intl	40	..	2.0	22.5
219½	197	Friends Ivory Scot	202	..	4.5	17.9
466½	332	Gerrard	405	-1½	5.2	12.1
194	154½	Hambros	178	..	1.8	64.7
272½	149½	Hitachi Credit	254½	-7	2.7	..
195	145	Investment Co	195	..	2.9	..
177½	102½	Jacobs Stcd	114½	..	7.6	8.7
164½	111½	Johnson Fry	142½	-1½	3.6	..
620	570	Leopold J	620	+5	4.2	..
619½	462½	Liberty Intl	521½	-2	4.2	22.8
476½	251	Lon Forfaiting	275	-2½	5.6	9.2
280½	168½	London Pacific	235	..	7.4	8.4
160	110½	Lon Scot Bkt	127	+4½	3.4	21.6
312½	232½	Man ED & F	312½	+5	4.6	12.0
1945	1407½	M & G	1805	-12½	3.3	23.9
253	182½	Paragon	226½	..	1.5	9.0
4537½	2682½	Perpetual	4010	-27½	3.2	24.6
1096	785	Provident	945	-2	2.7	26.2
647½	400	Rathbone Brs	604	..	2.9	24.3
81	54½	Rea Brothers	58½	..	2.1	11.7
65	49½	Rutland Tst	55½	..	3.8	12.5
107½	77	SEC Group	89½	..	7.1	23.1
392	292	S & U	294	-1	8.1	8.7
2025	1153½	Schroders	1630	+40	1.2	28.0
1775	1016½	Schroders N/V	1450	+50	1.3	24.9
796	610	Secure Tst	782½	..	3.8	15.4
185½	136½	Singer & Fried	169	-½	4.2	11.6
67½	48½	Towry Law	59½	..	..	..
5½	3½	Tno Hldgs	5½	..	..	..
81½	61½	Uzon	75	..	..	..
91	46½	Versailles Grp	90½	..	0.6	54.5
437½	397½	Winterbt	432½	..	4.1	17.5

PHARMACEUTICALS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
150	27½	Brit Biotech	29	-3	..	..
300	227½	Cantab Pharms	227½	-7½	..	..
387½	272½	Celltech	300	..	..	..
356½	220	Chiroscience	272½	-6½	..	..
201	70	Care Group	71	..	..	..
205	84	Cortecs	84	-7	..	..
1983	1650	Glaxo Well	1819	+6	2.1	39.5
240	182½	Goldshield	218½	..	0.7	19.4
135	75	ML Laboratories	83½	..	..	..
185	140	Medeva	172	+½	3.2	8.0
260	165	Oxford Molecular	185	..	..	..
310	222	Peptide Thera	240	+12	..	..
114½	47½	Phytopharm	100	..	..	..
513½	194½	Powderject	427	-6½	..	..
89½	42	Proteus Intl	43	..	..	..
72	39	Ransom (Wm)	60	-1	5.4	12.1
181½	124½	Quadrant Health	138½	+1	..	..
394½	260	Scotia	325	..	..	..
445½	285½	Shire Pharms	428½	+½	..	..
103½	47½	SkyePharma	66	..	..	..
888	618	SmithKline Bchm	743	+1	1.5	36.0
223	138	Therap Ant Inc	140½	-1	..	..
892½	307½	Vanguard	312½	..	..	..
182	37½	Vanguard Wts	47½	..	..	..
245	121	Xenova	125	..	..	..
3850	2114	Zeneca	2581	-10	1.9	33.5

PRINTING & PAPER

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
132	82	AG Holdings	132	+2	5.9	19.5
645	530	API	602½	..	2.6	16.3
142	68½	App Holo	105½	-2	..	49.8
255	145½	Arjo Wiggins	204½	+1	3.9	11.0
485½	433½	Benzene	435	..	4.7	11.5
193½	144½	Bagden	158½	..	2.3	10.2
3571½	2578½	Bowater Inc	2890½	+16½	..	..
313½	233½	Bemrose	258½	..	1.6	16.0
527	420	Br Polythene	430	-1	6.0	10.2
348½	219½	Baird	289½	+7½	2.4	16.5
183½	118½	Capital Inds	150	..	5.1	15.4
251½	200½	Cropper (James)	205½	-1	3.1	..
398	266½	De La Rue	294	-4½	4.7	11.3
274½	252½	Dolphin Pack	260½	..	3.9	12.3
105	70	Ferguson Intl	93	..	6.9	..
197½	145½	Filofax	155	..	3.3	16.2
51½	47½	Inveresk	51½	+½	14.6	27.9
229½	180½	Jarvis Porter	180½	..	5.4	9.1
21	17½	LIBERTAnic	18½	..	4.1	..
420	234	Low & Bonar	354	..	4.7	11.9
25½	11	Lowe (Robert)	12	..	4.5	4.5
87	69½	MY Holdings	86½	..	4.0	11.6
177½	125½	Macfarlane	132	..	4.3	11.3
347½	213½	Photobition	264	-11	0.7	43.8
187½	140½	Pirt	179	..	5.9	12.3
34	25	Porter Chadbn	26½	..	4.3	..
320½	229	REXAM	265½	+3	5.7	18.8
547½	485	St Ives Gp	512½	..	2.9	15.3
410	217	Sappi	217	-6	3.1	..
68½	20	Security & General	23½	-1	..	..
122½	92½	Sidlaw	111½	..	2.6	12.8
253½	165½	Smith David	196	+4	5.2	12.2
248	156	Smurfit (Jeff)	183	+2½	2.4	..
168	105	Spandex	109	..	3.8	10.7
200½	133½	Tinsley Robor	183½	..	2.3	..
43½	16	Waco	33½	+1½	..	..
307½	247½	Waddington	303	..	4.9	12.1
320½	223	Wyndeham	293½	+1	2.7	15.2

PROPERTY

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
116½	91	Allied Lon	94½	..	5.4	6.8
195	155½	Asda Prop	179½	-3½	2.1	23.8
36½	28½	Ashquay Grp	31	-½	0.8	51.9
180½	135½	Ashtenne Hldgs	165	..	3.8	25.5
278½	243½	Benchmark	256½	..	2.3	34.5
288½	253½	Bilton	261½	..	5.3	19.1
177½	149	Birkby	153½	..	7.1	10.2
5½	3	Bolton Gp	3½	..	..	..
64	53½	Bourne End	57	..	2.6	77.6
322½	245	Bradford	245	-6	4.7	16.1
825	600	Br Land	613	-4	1.9	33.7
255	213	Brixton	238½	-3½	4.9	19.4
132	100	Burford	105	+½	2.7	36.5
149	132	CLS Hldgs	140½	-3	5.1	16.8
318½	246½	Cap & Regnl	266½	-4½	1.6	25.0
460	394½	Cap Shop Ctrs	403½	..	2.9	26.4
355½	283½	Cardiff Propt	353½	..	1.1	48.5
19	14½	Carlisle	14½	..	..	59.9
13½	8½	Calfax Intl	8	+½	..	..
418½	313½	Chelsfield	314	..	1.3	36.9
687½	590	Chesterfield	628	..	2.8	31.9
37	18	Clarkstone Intl	23	..	..	..
185½	139½	City North	141	-½	2.0	41.2
53½	30½	City Site Ests	31½	..	..	..
107	90	Cleveland Tst	91½	..	8.5	17.0
98½	82½	CNC Propst	87½	..	4.7	9.1
263½	185½	Compco	261½	..	2.2	..
1710	1605	Daejan	1710	..	3.0	16.4
21	10½	Dares Estates	10½	..	..	..
135½	95½	Debenham Tewsn	106	+1	4.2	..
183½	89½	Delancey Ests	128½	+3	1.5	26.4
232½	189½	Densoa	202½	..	2.8	14.4
598	552½	Derwent Hldgs	564	..	1.5	39.0
355	283½	Development Sect	302½	..	1.2	6.8
280½	172½	Edge Properties	218½	..	..	23.1
430	410	Estates Agency	425	..	5.4	19.3
91½	75½	Estates Gen	83½	..	1.2	21.5
178½	139½	Evans Of Leeds	155	..	3.0	21.0
42½	36½	Fletcher King	39	..	8.4	12.9
71½	61½	Folkes Group	70	..	3.7	6.8
71½	57½	Folkes Group nv	68½	..	3.8	6.7
540	461	Frogmore	475½	..	5.3	12.4
19	14½	Golden Land Inv	18	..	..	..
370	320	Grainger	322	..	3.0	15.5
296	237½	Gr Portland	242½	-6½	4.6	24.3
200½	159	Grantchester	170	-2½	1.0	49.6
252½	214½	Greycoat	218½	-1½	0.9	35.1
152	104½	Hambro Cntyw	118	-1½	3.2	7.8
537½	465½	Hammerson	479	-3	3.1	28.2
33½	22	Hampton Trust	23½	+1	..	..
692½	555	Helical Bar	670	..	1.7	..
50	44½	Hemingway	46	+½	1.7	19.1
130½	69½	HK Land	76	..	9.5	8.1
345	200	Jermyn	345	..	2.2	..
183½	94	LSH	172½	-1½	3.3	11.1
113½	84½	Lands Imp	104½	+3	5.7	..
1190	822½	Land Secs	927	+2	3.8	25.0
36½	31	Lon & Assoc	32½	..	3.5	13.5
141½	118½	Lon Merch Sect	130	..	5.1	5.8
650	509½	MEPC	530½	-2½	3.5	21.3
119½	95½	MWB Group	108½	..	4.3	..
152	132	McKay Secs	142	..	3.8	20.0
97½	65½	Merivale Mke	95½	..	2.9	8.6
368	270	Milner Est	333	-6	2.6	16.0
245½	202½	Minerva	244½	..	0.8	..
36½	25	Mountfield Est	33	..	2.1	37.2
1900	1681½	Mountview	1725	..	3.5	..
169	148	Muckow (A&J)	155½	..	5.8	17.3
49	31	OEM	40	..	..	79.0
74½	52½	ORB	59½	..	..	25.9
41½	31½	Olives Prop	39	..	1.9	24.3
727½	635	Peel	717½	..	1.5	..
353	277	Pillar Propt	321½	..	2.3	60.2
13½	7	Probus Estates	7	..	..	..
204½	177½	Quintain	177½	-1½	2.9	..
29½	24	Raglan	29½	..	6.3	11.3
36	28	Rasen	26½	+½	5.2	11.8
202½	157½	Rugby Est	170	..	1.9	15.3
81½	67½	St Modwen Pro	73½	..	5.1	8.9
73	59	Saville Grdn	66½	..	5.7	25.1
143	111½	Savills	137	..	3.4	8.6
113	92	Scot Met	98	..	4.0	17.2
246	217	Shaftesbury	230½	..	1.3	51.6
414½	337½	Slough Estates	337½	-3	3.1	22.7
287½	242½	Smart (J)	262½	..	4.7	9.8
130½	93	TBH	126½	..	1.7	..
203½	176½	Tops Ests	189½	..	1.6	..
118	94½	Town Centre	95	..	5.1	11.9
203½	149½	Trafford Park	191½	-4	2.6	20.9
103½	87½	UK Land	97	..	4.3	..
278½	251½	Warner	261½	-2	6.3	17.1
363	256	Warnford	263	..	3.8	16.0
110½	92½	Wates	96	..	..	44.3
453½	345½	Workspace Grp	436½	-2	4.9	..

RETAILERS, FOOD

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
227½	173	ASDA Group	204	+½	2.2	19.4
78½	56	Budgens	74½	..	2.4	15.2
80½	55½	Dairy Farm Ins	68½	+4½	5.3	12.6
212½	157	Farepak	173½	..	3.7	12.5
43½	35½	Fitzwilton	41½	..	5.9	..
184	95	Fyffes	148	..	1.8	17.3
2637½	1995	Greggs	2550	+2½	1.8	21.1
261	119	Iceland Group	202	-8	3.3	13.6
301½	227½	Morrison (W)	293½	-6	0.9	23.5
69	38	Park Foods	58½	+2	6.6	..
407½	330	Safeway	395½	..	4.5	18.6
568½	320	Sainsbury J	551½	+6½	3.2	22.0
403½	207½	Somerfield	385	+2½	3.4	13.2
327½	194½	T & S Stores	327½	..	3.3	17.5
630	485	Tesco	586	+3	2.5	22.7
293½	256½	Thorntons	367½	..	2.8	21.2
626	505	Watson& Philip	571	..	4.2	15.4

RETAILERS, GENERAL

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
303½	220½	Alexon	229½	-½	..	9.5
266	192½	Allders	199	..	5.4	9.6
180	70½	Allied Carpets	75½	-2	12.8	5.9
508	361½	Arcadia Group	426	+11	3.1	15.2
683	398	Argos	633	..	3.6	20.5
41½	19½	Ashley (Laura)	29½	+2½	..	..
216½	164½	Austin Reed	182½	..	5.1	18.7
172½	147½	Beale	157½	+2½	3.9	18.1
193½	157	Beattie (J)	170	-2½	7.2	11.1
155½	119½	Bertalls	120½	..	4.0	8.1
498½	290	Blacks Leis	317½	+2½	2.2	..
145	109	Body Shop	136½	..	5.4	11.8
1060	602	Boots	998	..	2.8	23.2
61	30½	Brown & Jackson	52½	-½	..	14.1
460	317½	Brown (N)	362½	+½	2.6	18.8
505	260	Carpetright	261½	..	11.0	..
396	227	Churches Int	396	..	1.7	30.7
432½	369	Church	370	-2½	5.7	10.4
147½	95½	Clinton Cards	139	..	2.7	14.5
272½	189½	Country Casl	207	..	1.1	15.1
432½	332½	Courts Furnirn	362½	..	1.5	33.4
567½	192½	DFS Furniture	195	..	8.5	7.9
433	313½	Debenhams	313½	-1	1.6	13.6
628	459	Dixons Grp	504	+13½	2.7	15.1
99½	45½	Elec Boutique	91½	..	..	28.6
4½	3	ERA Gp	4	..	..	..
70½	38½	Essex Furn	38½	..	12.5	8.9
209	145	Fairland Iss	158½	..	..	17.3
218½	162½	Fine Art Dev	193	-1	6.4	15.8
356½	203½	Fired Earth	341	..	1.3	21.1
592½	445½	Flying Flw Uls	504½	+1	1.6	..
137½	95½	Formminster	108	..	3.9	9.1
465	355	French Conn	380	-2½	1.1	13.4
45½	34½	Gieves	39½	..	3.6	24.6
333½	217½	Goldsmiths Gp	272½	..	3.7	13.3
147	122½	Grampian Hogt	125	..	7.2	12.1
918	700	GUS	911	+4	3.1	12.3
297½	206½	Hamleys	286½	-½	6.7	9.3
116½	75	Hampden Grp	92½	..	3.9	8.9
343½	232½	Harveys Furn	232½	-1	3.8	24.1
221½	144½	Hse of Fraser	174	-½	4.6	19.3
171½	117½	Hughes (TJ)	170½	+½	2.5	16.5
823½	445	JJB Sports	481½	+14	1.8	18.7
1201	709½	Kingfisher	959	-6	3.0	17.4
[illegible]	210	Liberty	220	..	1.5	..
54½	25½	Limelight	43	+½	..	..
141	56	MFI	63½	-1	10.7	9.2
654	469	Marks Spencer	548	-3	3.3	18.8
57	35½	Merchant Retail	44½	+1	1.4	18.8
291½	216½	Moss Bros	241½	..	3.1	15.5
169	143½	New Look	149	-1	4.2	12.1
860	474	Next	525	+5	4.3	13.8
33½	24½	Olives (G)	29½	..	..	..
512½	327½	Onlineal Intl	442	..	3.0	14.1
85	35	Partners	36½	..	5.5	..
94½	79½	Partridge Fine	91½	..	7.2	7.1
29½	25½	QS Hldgs	27½	..	..	..
320	223	Rosebys	224	..	6.6	9.3
140½	85½	Save Group	126½	-1	7.0	13.7
66½	46½	Sears	54½	-2½	7.3	..
52½	29	Signet Group	43½	+½	..	9.6
587½	389½	Smith WH	527½	-1	3.7	..
1310	1050	Sotheby	1270	..	1.9	..
296	216	Storehouse	259	+5½	4.3	12.1
92	55	Stylo	55	..	11.5	..
249	140½	Thorn	245½	+½	7.0	14.8
127½	69½	Tie Rack	81½	..	3.1	..
3½	2½	Upton & South	2½	..	..	26.6
355½	261½	Wickes	281½	-3	0.9	46.6
373½	280½	Wyevale	307½	..	2.8	19.7

SUPPORT SERVICES

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
947½	535	AEA Tech	910	-5	1.3	..
350	210	Abacus Recruit	350	-32½	0.7	17.8
205½	115	Acorn	135½	..	..	..
226½	152½	Aggreko	200	..	2.4	26.8
122	68	Alpha Airpst	95	..	7.0	9.7
53	32½	Alphameric	42	..	..	..
73	47	Anite Grp	61	..	..	..
594½	362½	Atkins WS	585½	-3	1.7	..
214½	160	BNB Res	167	..	5.7	18.0
790	507½	BPP	787½	+7½	2.6	27.1
852½	637½	BTG	841½	+6½	0.1	..
169½	105	Brandon Hire	140½	..	2.9	17.2
46½	17½	Br Thornton	40½	-½	..	..
132½	79½	Brooks Service	122½	-1	4.1	13.2
957½	568½	Business Post	877½	+15	2.1	34.2
2000	758½	CMG	1950	+70	0.2	..
972½	812½	Caird Gp	915	..	3.6	11.5
551½	311½	Capita Group	542	+21½	0.5	..
12½	6½	Chemex	9½	..	2.7	15.1
262	212½	Corp Services	233½	-3	3.2	17.1
37½	21½	Coutts Consltg	30½	..	0.4	..
649	317½	DCS Gp	517½	-31½	0.5	34.7
352½	180	Danka Bs Syst	186	-1½	2.1	19.5
459½	302	Davis Service	390	+2½	3.6	21.4
830	577½	Delphi	580	-5	1.6	20.4
1332½	682½	Diagonal	1247½	+2½	0.3	..
27½	19	Eurocopy	23½	-1½	10.6	4.1
100½	51½	EW Fact	95½	-1	2.6	17.9
102½	51	FI Data Prct	92½	-1	3.0	16.2
1732½	927½	FI Group	1652½	+117½	0.5	..
578	409	Guardian IT	565	..	..	..
455	337	Harvey Nash	405	..	1.4	30.5
1155	773	Hays	950	-35	1.3	33.0
58	51½	High-Point Rnd	53½	..	..	..
325½	255½	Hogg Robinson	268	..	5.1	17.9
1257½	515	JBA Hldgs	602½	-2½	1.1	38.4
330	232½	Johnson Svce	302½	-1½	5.2	11.6
69½	40½	Katemaire	52½	..	10.1	..
932½	570	Kewill Sys	930	+15	1.5	..
24½	13½	Laser-Scan	18	..	..	..
551	317½	Lavendon	493	+1	1.0	32.8
3970	1147½	Logica	1887½	-17½	0.7	54.2
806½	505	Lorien	748½	..	1.3	46.6
235½	120½	Lynx Group	216	-½	1.2	27.5
98½	47½	MDIS	91½	..	..	..
1422½	772½	MMT Comp	1207½	..	1.3	31.8
164½	109½	MR Group	153½	-1	3.2	20.3
555	330	Macro 4	465	..	6.9	13.4
342½	142½	Marlborough Int	310	..	..	56.2
84½	52½	Menmore Abbey	83½	..	1.0	35.0
721	420	Micro Focus	430	..	..	27.1
137½	55	Microgen	129½	..	4.8	17.3
3723	1825	Misys	3410	+30	0.5	57.8
338	230½	MITIE Gp	308½	..	0.9	33.8
53½	51½	Novo Group	53½	..	3.7	12.1
66	41½	Orbist	61	-3	3.3	13.9
780	485	PSD	512½	-15	2.0	19.8
862½	635	Parity	785½	..	0.8	37.6
398	240	Pegasus	375	..	2.5	12.9
242½	145	Pennia	230½	+1½	1.2	11.5
365	151	Photo-Me	365	..	1.9	35.2
54½	35	Proudfoot	44½	+½	1.4	10.7
247½	160	RCO	185	..	10.4	32.9
332	218½	RPS Group	320½	..	1.9	25.4
53	25½	Radius	43½	..	3.2	14.8
600	317½	Real Time	487½	-12½	1.5	16.9
138½	79	Rebus	138½	..	1.9	..
193	119½	Reed Executive	165	..	2.3	8.8
193	162	Reliance Sec	190	..	4.5	16.8
450	265	Rentokil	439	-4	0.9	43.5
231½	152½	Ricardo Group	226½	..	3.6	29.5
576	402½	Robert Walters	418½	+2	1.2	19.3
510	260	Rotto & Nolan	310	+25	..	51.9
382½	297½	Royalblue	345	+4	0.8	46.5
1805	825	Sage Gp	1622½	-60	0.2	84.8
160	74	Sanderson	149½	-½	4.3	13.7
948	551	Select App	910½	+8½	0.5	39.0
800	366½	Serna Gp	725	+5	0.3	74.1
1440	888	Serco Gp	1379	..	0.6	57.7
199½	154½	Shanks & McEwan	180	..	3.0	19.8
915	520	Shared Intl	907½	..	0.7	38.2
74	44	Simon Grp	59½	-½	1.3	15.8
61	33	Sketchley	35½	..	..	..
320½	181½	Skillsgroup	288½	+7½	1.8	26.5
493	335	Spring Gp	407½	-3	1.3	56.7
155	103	Stat-Plus	122½	..	11.5	12.2
275	92	Superscape VR	216½	+6½	..	..
141	85	Torex	140	+11	2.1	23.4
3750	2250	Tyco Intl	3750	..	0.2	..
148½	86½	WSP Group	137	+1	2.6	19.1
225	171	Warner Howard	175	-1	8.6	7.8
340	176	Waste Mgt Intl	330	+1	..	77.9
499½	332½	Waste Recyc	448½	-½	0.7	41.3
276½	198	Whitehead Mann	257½	..	3.7	..
92½	62½	Whoa Young Grn	86½	-1½	5.1	13.4
500	304	Williams	384½	-7½	4.1	19.8

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
772½	411½	BT	765	+20	3.2	22.2
2687½	614½	COLT Telecom	2670	+35	..	..
800	487½	Cable Wireless	790	+43	1.6	35.7
618½	264½	Cable&Wire Comm	610½	+9	..	..
1015	352½	Energis	1012½	+60	..	..
355	250	Euro Telecom	351	-1½	1.1	..
251	77½	General Cable	246	+7½	..	..
137½	23	Ionica Group	37	+½	..	..
710	239½	Orange	680	+33	..	..
518	286½	Securicor	511	+21	0.4	48.2
164	69½	TeleWest	151	+8	..	..
858	298	Vodafone	819	+23	0.8	62.7

TRANSPORT

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
440	210	Air London	410	+5	2.1	23.1
357	193½	All Nippon Air	209½	+5½	..	..
518	330½	Arriva	373½	+9	4.5	10.6
388	282½	Assoc Br Ports	327½	-1	3.4	16.1
372	284½	Autologic	345	..	2.7	..
283½	166½	Avis Europe	272	+½	1.4	27.1
731½	402½	BAA	650	-4	2.6	17.9
709	498	Br Airways	669½	+1½	3.1	19.4
140½	90½	Clarkson (H)	102½	-6	4.9	11.5
192½	135½	Clydeport Ops	185	+4½	3.7	..
465½	317½	Dart	448½	-1½	2.1	..
82½	43½	Eurotunnel Uts	67	..	..	..
451	221½	FirstGroup	420½	+1	2.0	24.0
140	122	Fisher (James)	123½	..	3.2	9.4
692	580	Forth Ports	643	..	2.8	15.7
92½	80	Frontline	70	..	..	..
723½	510	Go-Ahead	720	+9½	1.5	17.2
601½	400	Goode Durrant	502	-½	2.6	14.8
498	305½	Helphire Grp	486½	-6	0.3	44.1
1135	740	Irish Cont	1000	..	0.6	21.4
98½	74½	Jacobs	84½	-½	3.3	36.7
642½	490	Mersey Docks	569	..	3.2	21.8
203	139½	NFC	165½	-½	4.0	17.2
1118½	676	Natl Express	898½	+12½	1.7	22.3
817½	562½	Ocean Group	753½	..	2.4	23.2
121½	92½	Ocean Wilson	115	..	4.8	7.3
971	650	P & O Dfd	890	+6½	4.3	20.1
116½	107½	P & O 5.5%	109½	..	6.3	..
515	344	Prism Rail	460	+15	5.3	9.2
1518	571½	Railtrack	1453	-5	2.1	23.3
130	98	Salvesen (C)	113½	-½	8.3	11.8
49	36	Seacon	46½	+2	3.4	35.3
296½	240	Seascope Shp	240	..	6.5	5.8
311½	180	Servisair	236½	..	2.8	19.1
1477½	765	Stagecoach	1324	+46	0.9	30.1
628	547½	Tibbet & Britn	601	-2½	3.6	15.7
330½	251	TDG	285	-1½	7.4	18.5
116½	75½	Upland	96	+1	6.4	8.0
72½	39½	Utd Carriers	40	..	10.9	10.5

WATER

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
967	780	Anglian	862	+6	5.7	9.7
335	285	East Surrey	293½	..	5.3	..
1093½	907	Hyder	963½	+8	5.5	9.9
129½	115½	Hyder Cm Prf	121	+½	8.1	..
775	680	Mid Kent Hdgs	725	..	5.7	9.4
1085	665	Severn Trent	1020	+2	4.2	11.3
3675	3365	South Staffs	3585	..	1.7	13.7
1006	864½	South West	1004½	+1	5.1	13.0
1105	800	Thames	1085	-8	4.6	11.6
950	656	Utd Utilities	893½	-5½	5.0	10.8
550	452	Wessex	495	..	5.7	8.9
550	436½	Yorkshire	455	+4	5.6	9.3

ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
235	193	Cafe Inns	205	..	2.0	13.3
29	14½	Chorion	21½	..	..	..
38½	29	Freepages	37½	..	..	..
65½	47½	Megalomedia	48½	-½	0.6	..
38	21½	Memory Corp	28½	-½	..	..
847½	620	Ramco Egy	882½	+2½	..	..
847	740	Southern News	842½	..	3.1	18.5
94½	82½	Southern Vectis	82½	..	3.2	12.8

Source: FT Information

Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; ▲ Ex rights issue; ▼ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; * Figures or report awaited. .. No significant data. Companies in bold are constituents of the FT-SE 100 Index.

BRITISH FUNDS

1998 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
100[illegible]	100	Treas 7¼% 1998	100	..	7.25	7.65
105[illegible]	101[illegible]	Treas 15½% 1998	101[illegible]	..	15.23	7.23
104[illegible]	101[illegible]	Exch 12% 1998	101[illegible]	-[illegible]	11.81	7.52
102[illegible]	101[illegible]	Treas 9½% 1999	101[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.40	7.56
105[illegible]	103[illegible]	Exch 12¼% 1999	103[illegible]	-[illegible]	11.86	7.45
104[illegible]	102[illegible]	Treas 10½% 1999	102[illegible]	-[illegible]	10.24	7.40
99[illegible]	98[illegible]	Treas 6% 1999	98[illegible]	..	6.08	7.24
106[illegible]	103[illegible]	Conv 10¼% 1999	103[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.87	7.22
105[illegible]	102[illegible]	Conv 9% 2000	102[illegible]		8.75	7.12
104[illegible]	102[illegible]	Treas 8% 2000	102[illegible]		7.81	6.85
103[illegible]	101[illegible]	Treas 8½% 2000	102[illegible]		8.33	7.12
114[illegible]	111[illegible]	Treas 13% 2000	111[illegible]	-[illegible]	11.70	7.07
109[illegible]	107[illegible]	Treas 10% 2001	107[illegible]		9.30	6.85
102[illegible]	100[illegible]	Treas 7% 2001	101[illegible]	+[illegible]	6.92	6.60
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
103[illegible]	101[illegible]	Treas 7% 2002	101[illegible]	+[illegible]	6.87	6.44
113[illegible]	111[illegible]	Treas 9¾% 2002	111[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.73	6.49
109	105[illegible]	Treas 8% 2003	107[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.47	6.29
118[illegible]	115[illegible]	Treas 10% 2003	116[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.61	6.29
114[illegible]	110[illegible]	Treas 11½% 2001-04	111[illegible]	..	10.34	6.86
93[illegible]	90[illegible]	Fund 3½% 1999-04	92[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.80	5.00
119[illegible]	116[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2004	117[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.10	6.13
105[illegible]	101[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 2004	103[illegible]	+[illegible]	6.51	6.02
116[illegible]	113[illegible]	Treas 8½% 2005	114[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.41	6.01
120[illegible]	117[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2005	118[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.01	6.09
130[illegible]	127[illegible]	Treas 12½% 2003-05	128[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.76	6.29
111[illegible]	107[illegible]	Treas 7½% 2006	110[illegible]	+[illegible]	6.80	5.93
112[illegible]	108[illegible]	Treas 7¾% 2006	111[illegible]	+[illegible]	6.96	5.96
107[illegible]	104[illegible]	Treas 8% 2002-06	105[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.59	6.48
123[illegible]	120[illegible]	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	121[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.70	6.33
119[illegible]	115	Treas 8½% 2007	117[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.21	5.81
111[illegible]	106[illegible]	Treas 7¼% 2007	110[illegible]	+[illegible]	6.58	5.82
128[illegible]	127[illegible]	Treas 9% 2008	124[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.24	5.81
120	113[illegible]	Treas 8% 2009	118[illegible]	+[illegible]	6.76	5.75
108[illegible]	99[illegible]	Treas 6¼% 2010	104[illegible]	+[illegible]	5.97	5.71
131[illegible]	124[illegible]	Conv 9% 2011	129[illegible]	+[illegible]	6.96	5.77
133[illegible]	125[illegible]	Treas 9% 2012	130[illegible]	+[illegible]	6.88	5.77
101[illegible]	93[illegible]	Treas 5½% 2008-12	99[illegible]	+[illegible]	5.53	5.54
120[illegible]	112[illegible]	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	118[illegible]	+[illegible]	6.55	5.78
LONGS (over 15 years)						
124[illegible]	116[illegible]	Treas 8% 2013	122[illegible]	+[illegible]	6.52	5.73
129[illegible]	118[illegible]	Treas 8% 2015	125[illegible]	+[illegible]	6.36	5.65
138[illegible]	127[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 2017	136	+[illegible]	6.43	5.64
133[illegible]	121[illegible]	Tr 8% 2021	131[illegible]	+[illegible]	6.10	5.58
UNDATED						
63[illegible]	55[illegible]	War Ln 3½%	61[illegible]	+[illegible]	5.68	..
44[illegible]	38[illegible]	Treas 2½%	43[illegible]	+[illegible]	5.79	..
68[illegible]	61[illegible]	Consols 4%	67[illegible]	+[illegible]	5.94	..
INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of:					5%	3%
198[illegible]	194[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2001	199[illegible]	+[illegible]	2.97	3.37
197[illegible]	192[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2003	197[illegible]	+[illegible]	2.80	3.16
127[illegible]	124[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	127[illegible]	+[illegible]	2.78	3.01
219[illegible]	206[illegible]	Treas IL 2% 2006	218[illegible]	+[illegible]	2.69	2.88
198[illegible]	187[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2009	198[illegible]	+[illegible]	2.65	2.78
209[illegible]	195[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2011	209[illegible]	+[illegible]	2.62	2.74
176[illegible]	162[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2013	175[illegible]	+[illegible]	2.58	2.67
193[illegible]	175[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2016	192[illegible]	+[illegible]	2.55	2.64
190[illegible]	170[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2020	189[illegible]	+[illegible]	2.54	2.61
163	142[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2024	161[illegible]	+[illegible]	2.50	2.57
160[illegible]	140[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	159[illegible]	+[illegible]	2.47	2.53

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We are all tarnished by Covent Garden

WEEK IN THE ARTS



RICHARD MORRISON

What's the most revealing part of Sir Richard Eyre's dismayingly inconsequential report on London's opera and ballet scene? Probably the bit where the great man wearily launches a small sardonic dart at the ladies and gentlemen of the press who, despite the relentless grind of daily deadlines, were courteous enough to respond to his request for information during the eight months he took to pen his 149-page opus. "I have been diligently educated," writes Sir Richard, with the studied sarcasm of a supercilious Oxbridge don skimming through some jejune undergraduate essay, "by a score of journalists, prescribing solutions with the confident certainty of 19th-century statesmen."

I can't imagine whom he has in mind. But thank God that — among the conformists and careerists that seem to populate every tier of the supposedly free-thinking arts world — there are a few minor hacks who actually dare to "prescribe confident solutions". You certainly don't find confident solutions in Eyre's report, at least not beyond the marvellously childlike belief that taxpayers "owe" the arts a lot more dosh than the taxpayers themselves (the ones you meet in the pubs of Hendon, anyway) seem to think they do.

It's a great waste. I have never read an official arts report that is so elegantly written, so full of sane suggestions and well-argued observations about the running of theatres, and yet so illogical when approaching the central issues upon which all else stands or falls. Eyre admits that Covent Garden has failed spectacularly, yet recommends a "substantial" increase in public subsidy. He pleads for "clarity" in its chain of command, yet is too polite or too timid to lift the lid on the Sainsbury and Duffield figures, whose seven-figure donations buy such colossal behind-the-scenes leverage in the supposedly "public" Covent Garden.

That's a little like leaving the Christies out of a history of Glyndebourne. The big private donors virtually have the power of veto over everything that happens at Covent Garden, but you would never have guessed so from this report.

Eyre wants the Arts Council's authority to be restored, yet appears oblivious to the irony that his own report, written at the direct behest of a government minister, undermines the Arts Council's authority still further. He calls for scrupulous financial controls at Covent Garden, yet seems to accept without question the old chestnut that, to stay in the "international league", the Royal Opera must continue to pay astronomical fees to guest singers who don't even deign to rehearse properly. He wants ENO to stay at the Coliseum, yet acknowledges that this crumbling old ruin needs tens of millions spent on it. "The lottery ought to pay," says Eyre, airily.

And so the double-think goes on. Eyre is no fool, and he is too honest to distort the evidence. Indeed, he paints a truly Breughelesque picture of London opera-house life as little short of a warzone, from which good productions occasionally contrive to escape. But something ideological in Eyre's decent, liberal, Islingtonian persona stops him from carrying his investigations to their logical conclusions.

Instead of saying "this thing is so rotten that only wholesale revolution will change it", he tuts like a soft-touch social worker, forever excusing a hooligan's delinquency because of his deprived childhood (not enough subsidy) and broken home (it will all be better in the rebuilt theatre).

Useless. The miscreant will carry on as before. Already Eyre's report has been "warmly welcomed" by the opera houses themselves. The kiss of death! The Culture Secretary has promised a "month of consultation". That seals the tomb. Then everyone will go on holiday. By the autumn, Eyre will have been forgotten, the opera houses again in crisis. Back to square one.

There is, however, another reason for radical change. It pertains to the dread word "image". Eyre rightly perceives that Covent Garden in particular, opera in general, and the entire arts world by association, have a massive image problem. The public, and a large majority of journalists even on broadsheet papers, cannot understand why the arts, having received so much lottery money, are whingeing for more. To claim that the lottery money "went on buildings not shows" is regarded as pathetic hair-splitting; after all, it was the arts world that insisted on that very rule.

To overhaul that image, to give the arts a "good press" after years of gloomy headlines, is going to be a massive job. But if Eyre's preferred plan of maintaining the status quo with greatly increased subsidy is adopted, the task will be impossible. Unless there is a genuine clean break with the past, the public will not be convinced that the wonderful new Covent Garden is any different from the bad old one.

I favoured Chris Smith's original plan, to bring ENO into Covent Garden. That would not have destroyed ENO, but it would have smashed the discredited old cliques at the Garden. That plan seems to have been rejected, but there are other ways to bring about radical change. And this Government is particularly well-equipped to push for such a revolution. After all, didn't Labour reinvent itself to win mass popularity?

The battle to revolutionise Covent Garden will not be easy, especially after Eyre's timid report. But if it is lost, the consequences will be horrible not just for opera but for culture across the country. Within the next three years vast lottery-funded arts projects will be completed. The running costs at shiny new culture palaces such as the Tate Bankside Gallery will have to be covered by a huge rise in arts subsidy; we are talking here about the creation of thousands of new jobs in the subsidised arts sector. At present, such a rise is politically unthinkable. By the new millennium, it must be made palatable.

A revolutionised Royal Opera House, palpably free from the clutches of the snobby old guard, would go a long way towards restoring public confidence in the arts world. By turning his back on radical change, Eyre thinks that he is supporting the cause of the subsidised arts sector. He should have looked at the bigger picture, and thought a little more deeply.

Found: a good home for Old Vic

David Mirvish tells **Benedict Nightingale** why the businessman in him accepted much less than the Old Vic was worth, just to please the theatre-lover in him



DES JENSON

"We're handing on the Vic in a better state than we found it. We feel lucky. That's not altruistic, that's selfish," says now-former owner David Mirvish

So the noblest of London playhouses, the place where Gielgud, Ashcroft, Olivier and Burton gave towering performances, will not dwindle into a lap-dancing centre. The Old Vic will not even become what its manager, Andrew Leigh, imagined when he first heard the more paranoid rumours about its future. "What," he asked an aide in a baffled way, "is a laptop dancing centre?"

Thanks to the generosity of Ed and David Mirvish, Canadian impresarios who might have made a profit on the sale of the dilapidated building they bought 16 years ago and spent a fortune restoring, there will be no half-nude prancing, either on gentlemen's laps or on small computers in the Waterloo Road. They are selling it at maybe half or two thirds of its true value to a British trust which, they hope, will give house-room to the best not-for-profit theatre on offer. They are even allowing Sally Greene and her co-trustees to postpone paying most of the £3.5 million cost for nearly two years.

> 'This is the only part of London with explosive growth potential'

We have learnt to be cynical about businessmen who talk in terms other than making money: but you cannot doubt David Mirvish's candour when he says he believes that as we pass through life we do not truly own anything. "Actually, the most valuable commodity we have is not property but time," he said as he came from signing the sales contract on the Vic. "We've had our turn. We did the work we wanted, worked with the people we wanted, and had wonderful experiences. We're handing on the Vic in a better state than we found it. We feel lucky. That's not altruistic, that's selfish."

Although Mirvish will not discuss figures, it is thought that he and his father Ed, the only two shareholders in what is still a family business, lost a total of about £2 million in what were artistically their most successful years: 1989-90, when Jonathan Miller brought us Eric Porter's Lear, Fiona Shaw's Rosalind and Alex Jennings in *Corneille's Illusion*, and in 1997, when Peter Hall and Dominic Dromgoole staged one of the most ambitious seasons of new plays and revivals London has ever seen.

"Peter found someone as passionate about theatre as himself," Mirvish says. "He approached me to do three shows originally, but when he said five I was happier than he was, and when he said ten I wasn't saying no, and when he said he couldn't get the actress he wanted unless he did 11 I said fine, and we ended up with 13."

The full rewards of that season have yet to be seen, although they would include the development of Victoria Hamilton, Nina in Chekhov's *Seagull*, into a potential star. Among the fruits of the Miller era are putting Jennings and Shaw firmly on the theatrical map and encouraging designers as inventive as Richard Hudson, Richard Jones and the Quay Brothers. The Mirvish years have also brought Simon Callow's revival of *Carmen Jones*, Anthony Hopkins's superb performance in Schnitzler's *Lonely Road*, and the English Shakespeare Company's seven-play *Wars of the Roses*.

David Mirvish will be an honorary member of the new trust's board, but, since one of his reasons for selling the theatre is that he has a young family needing his attention back in Toronto, he will be visiting London a lot less frequently than at the two-month intervals he just about manages now. However, he hopes that there will be room for companies like the Theatre de Complicite and the Almeida, whose production of O'Neill's *Iceman Cometh* is at the Vic now. The Peter Hall Company will be a likely resident, too. Mirvish would also like to see more co-operation with regional companies and with the theatre's mighty neighbour on the South Bank. It was partly in that hope that, instead of allowing developers to build offices or an hotel on the site, he sold the Vic's annexe at a bargain-basement price to the National, which uses it for theatre workshops.

Not that life will be easy for Stephen Daldry, artistic adviser to the new trust. The theatre still has to find the clear role it has been seeking since the National company moved out in 1976, and it still has to prove that the dingy Waterloo area can attract the crowds. But Mirvish thinks its best days may be yet to come: "I see extraordinary change. I see how much people are paying for new homes. There's the coming of the Jubilee Line, the Globe, the Young Vic and the prospect of a footpath across the Thames. I'd say this is the only part of London with explosive growth potential. That's got to be good for the Old Vic."

Nation sings unto nation

OPERA

Fidelio, Somerset House

The evening opened with Sir Jeremy Isaacs, on good rabble-rousing form, greeting the assembled crowd with a cry of "This space is yours!". And Sir William Chambers's Great Court of Somerset House is — as Marcus Binney reminded readers on Monday — one of the great European "spaces", a jewel of Neo-Classicism.

Throwing it open to the public is none the less welcome for being so many years overdue. What's more, furtive peering through plastic sheeting suggests that the promised restoration of the River Terrace is well under way. That will be a knockout.

The big-screen transmission of *Fidelio* from the Vienna State Opera on Wednesday evening marked Austria's accession to the Presidency of the European Union. Sir Jeremy's address was followed by messages from the ambassadors of all 15 member states, who were also receiving it, and a bilingual introduction that tactfully omitted to mention that the opera's failure in Vienna in 1805 was in part due to the audience being made up almost entirely of French forces of occupation.

We have moved on somewhat since then, and to witness Beethoven's great hymn to liberty, individual heroism and the Brotherhood of Man in the company of untold numbers of our European partners was inevitably stirring.

Big-screen technology is constantly improving: here both the sound and the picture quality were amazingly good. This will obviously have to be the site for transmissions from the Royal Opera House when (if) it reopens after its redevelopment.

Traffic noise was negligible, the skies were kind (feathery clouds turning to turquoise-tinged dusk) and the catering worked. Picnickers who chartered throughout, using Beethoven as mere background music — not, I think, a practice to be encouraged — were in a tiny minority.

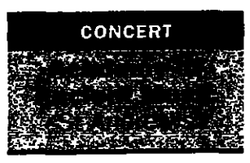
The performance itself may not go down in the history books: the VSO could probably perform *Fidelio* in its sleep, and occasionally appeared to be doing so, but the orchestra and chorus under Peter Schneider were superb. There was even an authentic operatic drama: Gosta Winbergh (Florestan) was replaced at short notice by Johan Botha, who may not look as if he has been on starvation rations for weeks, but sings extremely well.

The heroine, more than a match for Robert Hale's snarling cardboard villain, was Susan Anthony, a young American soprano rapidly making a name for herself in Europe. She looks good, and has the heroic scale of the role firmly within her grasp. A fine launch, then, for a glorious space whose potential is boundless.

RODNEY MILNES

An eternity too far

CONCERT



The opportunity to hear a complex or difficult new work twice in the same programme is often welcome: details register the second time round. John Tavener's *Eternity's Sunrise*, given its premiere at St Andrew's Holborn, however, is neither complex nor difficult, and the benefits of a second hearing are less obvious. Indeed, For some of us, a single performance would have sufficed.

Eternity's Sunrise, inspired, apparently, by the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, was commissioned by the Academy of Ancient Music to celebrate its 25th anniversary. A setting of lines by William Blake, the piece reveals Tavener in characteristically beatific mode: floated, ecstatic vocal lines over soothing, slow-moving harmonies. A more active episode, "He who kisses the joy as it flies", sets flutes carolling and trilling in combination with the voice. Those on the same spiritual plane will be enraptured by *Eternity's Sunrise*; others may be less patient with its sentimentality.

In any case, there must be doubts as to whether soprano vocalisation is well matched by sustained period strings. True, the pungent timbre of the latter alleviates the work's saccharine quality, though that may not have been the intention. In the performance that opened the concert, Patricia Rozario, standing alone on the altar steps, had some difficulties with intonation, but neither did the Academy strings, perched in the gallery at the west end, sound comfortable. The second performance, closing the concert, was more satisfactory.

Rozario also delivered Tavener's recent *Song of the Angel*, in not dissimilar vein, while *Sappho: Lyrical Fragments*, dating from 1980, made more effective use of a second, intertwining, soprano voice (Julia Gooding). The Academy take these three and other Tavener works straight into the recording studio for Harmonia Mundi, and no doubt the runaway success of the ensuing disc will prove the eccentricity of my own reaction.

The Tavener pieces were alternated with items of Purcell, sung with impeccable style by Gooding, accompanied by the Academy, playing with real distinction these days under its new leadership. Paul Goodwin was nominally in charge this time, though Andrew Manze, the concert master, offered dynamic co-direction from the front desk. The partnership resulted in a superbly vibrant account of music from *The Fairy Queen* and *Dido and Aeneas*, with Gooding contributing finely nuanced soprano solos culminating in a moving Lament.

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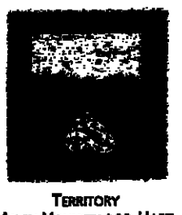
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Guide to arts and entertainment compiled by James Christopher

LONDON

BBC CONCERT ORCHESTRA. To mark the Fourth of July, Paul Gambaccini introduces work by American composers including Copland, Sousa, Bernstein, Williams, and Farnon. John Wilson conducts **Kenwood Lakeside**, NW3 (0171-413 1443) Saturday, 7.30pm

DAMON ALBARN, GRAHAM COXON, SILVER APPLES: Blur's creative duo join pop enigmas, the Silver Apples, for a surreal collaboration unlikely to be repeated in this lifetime. **Festival Hall**, SE1 (0171-960 4242). Sunday, 7.30pm.

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Julian Lennon puts goggles on to Party in the Park

ELSEWHERE

GLYNDEBOURNE: Mark Elder conducts the London Philharmonic Orchestra and the Glyndebourne Chorus in Verdi's **Simon Boccanegra**. Peter Hall returns to direct this Italian opera about the rivalry for the hand of Boccanegra's long-lost daughter. ***Glyndebourne Opera House***, (01273-813 813). Saturday, 5.50pm

NEWCASTLE. Steven Sloane directs Tchaikovsky's **Eugene Onegin** for Opera North. The young Moscow-trained producer, Dalia Ibelhauptaite directs this classic tale of social divides, unrequited love, and bitter regrets **Theatre Royal**, (0191-232 2061) Tonight, 7.15pm

SHERBORNE. Richard Studt conducts the **Bournemouth Sinfonietta** through an outdoor Baroque extravaganza. The programme includes Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*, Albinoni's *Adagio*, Bach's *Air on a G String*, and Handel's *Water Music Suite No 1* **Sherborne Castle** (01202-669925) Tonight, 8pm.

YORK. Violinist Andrew Manze and the Academy of Ancient Music open the **York Early Music Festival**. Composers featured include Wassenaer, and Geminiani's arrangement of works by his teacher, Corelli. Emma Kirkby joins the company to perform arias from Handel's operas including *Jephtha*, *Rodrigo*, *Joshua* and *Giulio Cesare* **St Michael-le-Belfry Church**, High Petergate (01937-584123) Tonight, 7.30pm

NEW WEST END SHOWS

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☐ **THE CHANGELING** Tassos Stevens, first recipient of the James Menzies-Kitchin Award, directs this blood-soaked Jacobean tragedy. See review, right. **BAC** (Studio 1), SW11 (0171-223 2223). Until July 19

☐ **HOW I LEARNED TO DRIVE:** Paula Vogel's Pulitzer Prize-winning drama is full of breathless tension as an adolescent girl (Helen McCrory) is seduced by her uncle Peck (Kevin Whately) while learning how to drive **Donmar Warehouse**, WC2 (0171-369 1732) ◪

■ **THE ICEMAN COMETH:** Kevin Spacey plays Hickey in Howard Davies's magnificent Almeida production **Old Vic**, SE1 (0171-928 7616)

☐ **THE LOST VEGAS SERIES:** Award-winning play by Julie Jensen tracing the truly bizarre wanderings of a cocktail waitress in the Neon Desert, joined by Creepy, Sexy and Campy **Riverside Studios** W6 (0181-237 1111). Until July 12 ◪

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☐ **THE PRIME OF MISS JEAN BRODIE:** Fiona Shaw is ridiculous and magnificent as the visionary schoolmistress who fills her adoring initiates full of great culture and dangerous ideals **National Theatre, Lyttelton** (0171-452 3000) ◪

■ **WHISTLE DOWN THE WIND.** The new Lloyd Webber megamusical. See review, right **Aldwych**, WC2 (0171-416 6003).

FILMS ON GENERAL RELEASE

Geoff Brown's choice of the best movies

NEW RELEASES

GREASE (PG) John Travolta struts again at Rydell High in this revival of the 1978 movie based on the stage success. Not quite a golden oldie, but good fun for pop culture vultures. With Olivia Newton-John. Director, Randal Kleiser

KURT & COURTNEY (15) Contentious documentary by Nick Broomfield exploring the lives of rock star Kurt Cobain and his feisty widow Courtney Love.

LOVE & DEATH ON LONG ISLAND (15) Reclusive writer (John Hurt) falls for American teen movie hunk (Jason Priestley). Sophisticated comedy that grows thin. Director, Richard Kwietniowski.

SIX DAYS SEVEN NIGHTS (12) Cargo plane pilot Harrison Ford is thrown together on a deserted island with *neurotic magazine editor Anne* Hecha. Forgettable romantic comedy, directed by Ivan Reitman.

CITY OF ANGELS (12) Restless angel Nicolas Cage falls for heart surgeon Meg Ryan. Intelligent romantic drama, inspired by Wim Wenders's *Wings of Desire*. Director, Brad Silberling.

JOURNEY TO THE BEGINNING OF THE WORLD (U) A film director (Marcello Mastroianni in his last performance) journeys into the Portuguese past. A tender, reflective beauty from veteran director Manoel de Oliveira.

MIMIC (15) Mutant insects infest New York City's subway system. Atmospheric horror film from Mexican director Guillermo del Toro.

THE OBJECT OF MY AFFECTION (15) Jennifer Aniston hopes her gay room-mate will help bring up her baby. Decent and traditional romantic comedy with a few extra trimmings. With Paul Rudd, Nigel Hawthorne.

PONETTE (PG) *Extraordinary voyage into a grieving child's mind, from French director Jacques Doillon, with an award-winning performance from four-year-old Victoire Thivisol.*

THE LAST TIME I COMMITTED SUICIDE (15) Teenage life and loves of Beat Generation legend Neal Cassady. Hip, impressionistic, worshipful film, with Thomas Jane and Keanu Reeves. Director, Stephen Kay

CURRENT

THE APOSTLE (12) Engrossing portrait of a flawed Pentecostal preacher, memorably portrayed by Robert Duvall, who also writes and directs. With Miranda Richardson, Farrah Fawcett.



Whistle stop: Marcus Lovett as the Man and Lottie Mayor as Swallow in Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical reworking of Mary Hayley Bell's 1950s novel

Second coming lucky

THEATRE

Whistle Down The Wind

Aldwych

When I caught Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Whistle Down The Wind* in Washington in 1996, I thought it attractive, touching and altogether more engrossing than did those of my American colleagues who punished the uppity British tunesmith with reviews tepid enough to forestall a planned Broadway transfer. But I did have my doubts about a production which, among other things, made the children of dirt-poor farmers look as if they were more used to dipping their hands in fingerbowls than in ponds.

Well, the grime quotient at the Aldwych could be higher and the cute-urchin factor lower. But Gale Edwards's crisp, punchy staging answers many of those cavils and leaves a substantially rejigged musical looking well worth a place in the West End or, for that matter, on Broadway. In fact, my main complaint is that I cannot stop that title song whistling its preposterously pretty way round my eardrums.

Edwards has combined with Patricia Knop and Lloyd Webber himself to transpose Mary Hayley Bell's novel from the 1950s Pennines to the 1950s Louisiana Bible Belt: a period and (especially) a location where it is, I suppose, plausible that a girl could find an escaped convict in her father's barn and mistake him for the Messiah.

After all, this rural outback contrives to be both godforsaken — as designed by Peter J. Davison, a heaving mix of desolate spaces, remote sunsets, cracked concrete and tacky living-and-breathing places — and God-obsessed. Indeed, the evening opens with a roaring, soaring chorus, *The Vaults of Heaven*, in a grim, grey Baptist chapel with the words "Jesus Lives" in forlorn neon outside its windows.

Yet there is still a problem. When Hayley Mills played the children's leader, Swallow, in the film, she looked seven or eight. But in musicals principal actresses must have vox, and Lottie Mayor looks double that age, leaving one to wonder if, even in the 1950s, there is not something subnormal about a teenager who artlessly worships a Messiah who, asked for an uplifting parable, launches into a raunchy song about gamblers and Mississippi molls.

Mayor does all that sweetness and purity can to answer the charge. The authors add their own gloss too. The musical becomes partly a coming-of-age story, in which a naïve pubescent cannot quite bring herself to acknowledge male virility either in the form of Marcus Lovett's "Jesus" or in that of the local James Dean, Dean Collinson's bad-biker Amos.

But the main emphasis is still childish innocence versus adult anger, disappointment and paranoia as represented both by Jesus's hunters and *Jesus himself. Of the two, the sheriff* and his lackeys are too casually evoked; but Lovett is much stronger.

Maybe he could bring more wildness to *The Nature of the Beast*, a turbulent anthem to self-hatred, and the most powerful number in a generally decent score (I should acknowledge here the presence of a son in the show's music department). He is still a troubling figure and, when he makes a Christ-like sacrifice at the end, a genuinely moving one. Classify him as one of the more memorable of Lloyd Webber's damaged monsters.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

● *This review appeared in later editions of* The Times *yesterday*

An earnest change too far

THEATRE

The Changeling

Bac

LAST time I saw Middleton and Rowley's **The Changeling**, it was set in a Chinese takeaway. De Flores was a greasy-haired *sous-chef* and his fatal attraction, Beatrice, was the boss's daughter. It seemed proof positive that no matter what you did with the play, it would be well nigh impossible to diminish the most gripping relationship between mistress and servant in Jacobean theatre.

Alas, Tassos Stevens does just that (at BAC, SW11). His production is inventive enough, his cast are a robust young crew, but what feels like an over-directed production is as enlightening as wading through treacle. What you get is an intriguing traverse stage with church pews, mad music and actors with a Baedeker's guide to the next melodramatic moment.

There is an irritating live soundscape provided by Pete Flood bashing cymbals and making silly noises, Eva Haidl warbling in a corner, and Hannah Marshall rubbing her bow with some skill against a cello and a saw. But this moody noise merely disguises a closet full of production weaknesses.

Sloping on stage in his shabby frock coat like a cross between Nosferatu and the butler Lurch from *The Addams Family*, Simon Startin's De Flores looks every inch the part. He uses his natural disabilities, part-blind, part-spinal, to exquisite effect. Yet his chemistry with Rebecca Swift's voluptuous Beatrice lacks the only ingredient that makes their unholy pact work: sexuality. She wants rid of Alonzo so she can marry Andrew Mallett's dashing Alsemero. De Flores obliges for the price of her virginity.

It is a pact that should inspire disgust. And in small part it does. But these doomed lovers, lolloping across the floor, heads in each other's armpits, are not enough to make the dastardly plot seem reasonable, let alone entertaining.

JAMES CHRISTOPHER

Out of South Africa

JAZZ

Mervyn Africa

Pizza Express, W1

Although he has been resident in Britain for nearly two decades, the pianist Mervyn Africa produces jazz that is not so much influenced by, but rather thoroughly steeped in, the music of his native South Africa. The quartet he led at this rousing club gig, even when addressing the blues or music from the Caribbean, celebrated its leader's artistic roots powerfully, if often only implicitly.

The band's loosener, a minor blues written by the late American saxophonist/flautist Joe Farrell, was a case in point. Although the jazz elements — Claire Hirst's breathy yet vigorously grainy tenor, the whip-smart interplay between bassist Darren Taylor and drummer Sam Kelly, the concluding fours-trading between Africa and Kelly — were apparently to the fore, Africa's piano, whether supplying jaunty, clipped accompanying chords or splashy, delightfully unpredictable solo runs, imbued the overall sound with the infectious bounce, and the faintly melancholy lilt, forever associated with township music.

The latter, more restrained quality permeated the quartet's second selection, *I'm Leaving*, which commemorated Africa's late-1970s exile in appropriately reflective style. The self-explanatory *Rise and Shine*, however, an irrepressibly perky shuffle with a stomping, repeated riff, emphasised the danceable side of South African music, eliciting some scalding, clatteringly percussive piano from Africa himself and attractively wheezy tenor from Hirst.

For the rest of the gig, more township music, underpinned by juddering piano and driven by the neatly assertive Kelly over the repeated singing bass figures of Taylor, was cleverly programmed alongside softer Trinidadian rhythms or original material by South African composers. The evening's climax was provided by the latter: Ibrahim's classic *The Mountain* was given an extended workout, its hypnotic, emotive simplicity providing Hirst with the opportunity to play a cascading tenor solo over Africa's *ringing piano*.

Occasionally a band that flies by the seat of its pants — there were too many moments when the musicians' rhythm-sated smiles were exchanged for anxious looks at their leader — Africa's quartet proved itself, nevertheless, a worthy successor to the many South African outfits that have immeasurably enriched the British jazz scene over the past three or four decades.

CHRIS PARKER

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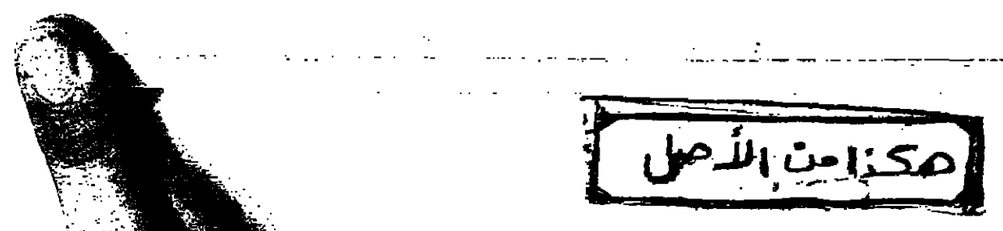
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NEW POP ALBUMS

■ BEASTIE BOYS
Hello Nasty
(Grand Royal/Capitol 7243 495723) £15.99
TO THINK that after all the serpentine twists in the plot *the most conspicuously* fashionable guardians of the hip-hop flame are once again Run DMC and the Beastie Boys. Both of these 1980s originators have spent long years in the wilderness, and in the case of the Beastie Boys produced some of their best work while nobody was paying attention, most notably the 1989 masterpiece *Paul's Boutique*.

Unfortunately, *Hello Nasty* is not nearly as good as that, mainly because the Beastie Boys have started to take themselves seriously. Musically, they have always been sophisticated operators, and *Hello Nasty* explores a diversity of stylish avenues, from the mildly sinister trip-hop mannerisms of *Flowin' Prose* to the ragga/dub chant of *Dedication*, and even a superlative Latino-rock groove called *Song for Junior*.

But although they remain supremely adroit at batting voices and ideas around the *mix, the album lacks the rude* vitality and overriding sense of the absurd that has powered their creative engine in the past. Obviously, now that Adam Yauch is a Buddhist and the band are committed to bettering themselves and the world, nobody is expecting them still to be fighting for their right to party. But for all the hustle and bustle of *Hello Nasty*, without that inspirational touch of brat power they have lost their spark.

■ NEW POWER GENERATION
New Power Soul
(NPG/RCA 74321 60598) £13.49
A NEW Prince album in all but name, *New Power Soul* is yet another sturdy but unexceptional piece of work by the artist who seems to have turned into the new George Clinton. Like Clinton, who spent the 1970s and 1980s bombarding the marketplace with albums under various guises (Parliament, Funkadelic), Prince has flouted the laws of supply and demand to the point where only diehards with deep pockets will be able to muster much enthusiasm for this latest offering.

Also like Clinton, Prince has settled into a heavy-duty, soul-funk routine that is, by now, as familiar as it is accomplished. *Opening* with the hefty, horn-driven groove of the title track, *New Power Soul* offers a string of slickly executed numbers based on a theme that is little short of self-parody: *Mad Sex, Push It Up, Shoo-Bed-Ooh* and so forth.

"I got the butter for your muffin," the priapic pop star croons on *Come On*, which, along with a smoochy ballad called *The One*, actually turns out to be a somewhat implausible exhortation to sexual fidelity. Enough already.

■ ROCKET FROM THE CRYPT
RFTC
(Elemental ELM50) £14.99
THE San Diego six-piece Rocket from the Crypt marry the aesthetics of a soul revue to the raucous energy of hardcore rock 'n' roll on *RFTC*, the follow-up to their breakthrough 1996 album *Scream, Dracula, Scream!*. As before, the new album comprises a gloriously overloaded barrage of high-energy songs, but this time with a more accessible touch.

The most obvious reference point remains Graham Parker and the Rumour, thanks in part to the contributions of the group's industrious two-man horn section, but mostly because of the splenetic vocal snarl of Speedo, a singer who sounds constantly at the end of his tether, and obviously rather relishing it.

There are one or two romantic lyrics, and even a tentative shot at a ballad called *Let's Get Busy*. But the RFTC manifesto is more typically spelt out on *You Gotta Move*, a number propelled by a delirious cannonade of stabbing horn riffs and pulverising tom-tom syncopations: "Too much posing on the dancefloor/Time to make the ground shake."

■ LUCINDA WILLIAMS
Car Wheels on a Gravel Road
(Mercury 558 338) £15.99
LOUISIANA-BORN singer and songwriter Lucinda Williams is best known as the writer of Mary Chapin Carter's Grammy award-winning hit, *Passionate Kisses*, but she has quietly built up a small but perfectly formed catalogue of albums over a period of 20 years or so, and now arrives at a point where her latest collection, *Car Wheels on a Gravel Road*, supplies the missing link between Sheryl Crow and Neil Young.

Aided on some tracks by Steve Earle, and giving full rein to the impeccable bluesy riffing of her guitarist, the wonderfully named Gurf Morlix, Williams cloaks her often fragile emotions in a lazy Southern drawl, perfectly inhabiting songs with catchy choruses and dark corners.

DAVID SINCLAIR

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	(1)	Talk on Corners	Corrs (Atlantic)
2	(5)	Five	Five (RCA)
3	(2)	Blue	Simply Red (East West)
4	(6)	The Good Will Out	Embrace (Hut)
5	(7)	Postcards From Heaven	Lighthouse Family (Wild Card)
6	(4)	Life Thru a Lens	Robbie Williams (Chrysalis)
7	(13)	Where We Belong	Boyzone (Polydor)
8	(8)	Urban Hymns	Verve (Hut)
9	(10)	Left of the Middle	Natalie Imbruglia (RCA)
10	(16)	International Velvet	Catatonia (Blanco Y Negro)

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The gang's all here: former pop brats the Beastie Boys would rather save the world than fight for the right to party

Legacy for the living

JAZZ ALBUMS

■ THELONIOUS MONK
Monk Alone
(Columbia/Legacy C2K 65495)
■ CHARLES MINGUS
The Complete 1959 Columbia Recordings
(Columbia/Legacy C3K 65145)
ALTHOUGH the ease with which such compilations can apparently be issued after their subjects' deaths prompts several pertinent questions about major record companies' commitment to living jazz artists' work, the Columbia Legacy series is undeniably a model of its type. It orders its material sensibly, and presents it respectfully, with informative notes and superb session photographs.

The Monk double-CD collects all the pianist's solo Columbia recordings between 1962 and 1968 — 14 of its 37 tracks previously unreleased — and includes all but one of his most celebrated albums, *Solo Monk*. The material is mostly standards, played in Monk's familiar choppy, clanging style, firmly grounded in the stride tradition but liberally embellished with the startling dissonance and dynamic and textural variety that made him such an influential figure in bop and post-bop jazz. Highlights include intelligently quirky versions of both the unlikely *(Just a Gigolo)* and the more familiar *(Body and Soul, These Foolish Things)*, but whether he is exploring every cranny of such fare or tripping eccentrically through his own classics *(Round Midnight, Ask Me Now)*, Monk demonstrates throughout why he is still revered as one of the greatest individualists in jazz.

The Mingus 3-CD set comprises 1959's classic *Ah Um*, almost a "greatest hits" album, containing *Better Git It in Your Soul, Goodbye Pork Pie Hat* and *Fables of Faubus*; and *Mingus Dynasty* from the same year, another masterpiece of controlled rambunctiousness interpreted by one of the bassist's best bands (the reed section alone contains Benny Golson, Booker Ervin, John Handy and Jerome Richardson). With the third CD containing fascinating outtake material, this is another indispensable treat for Mingus fans to add to the superb Rhino Atlantic collection issued last year.

CHRIS PARKER

A mission to see off the Nashville hats

Country music needs a saviour. **David Sinclair** thinks it might be Dale Watson

While the British music industry braces itself for a period of belt-tightening, things could not be going better in Nashville, the home of country music. Or so it would seem.

Led by the irrepressible Garth Brooks, a phalanx of country stars, including Shania Twain, Brooks & Dunn and LeAnn Rimes, has taken over the charts, endowing country music with the glossy production values, theatrical stage shows and big-grossing sales figures of mainstream pop. But in reality, the Nashville establishment is cruising, *Titanic*-like, towards catastrophe.

At least, that is the view of Dale Watson, the 35-year-old country singer and guitarist from Austin, Texas, who speaks with a fundamentalist fervour on the ills of the current situation.

"It's all got way too big," he says. "People say Garth Brooks has brought a wider audience for country music, but that wider audience is not going to be there in five years. They're going to be on to the next fad. Financially, the bottom has got to fall out of country music."

According to Watson, Nashville has strayed too far from its roots and lost sight of what made country music great in the first place, and "real" country artists are no longer getting a look-in.

This month, a Channel 4 series called *Naked Nashville* lifts the lid on a country music establishment that has "lost its heart and soul" and become "a huge karaoke machine". The second of the three-part series is subtitled *My Heroes Have Always Been Cowboys* and contrasts Watson's lonely, dogged progress round the honky-tonks and beer joints of America's highways and byways with the massive promotional campaign to launch a new Nashville major-label signing called Keith Harling.

While a bemused Harling is hanging about on video shoots in the company of various "advisers", Watson is seen effecting some roadside repairs on his Chevy pick-up truck. As Harling frets for hours in a recording studio, Watson is playing his heart out in some dusty honky-tonk bar. And although it is Harling who will be the industry's next big star, it is plainly Watson who is the real deal.

Country music is not so much a career choice as a way of life for Watson, a man who wears a lot more than his heart on his sleeve. The tattoos on his right arm are dedicated to Texas, while those on his left are on the theme of his family. He has a picture of his father, the country singer Don Watson (1934-91), etched on his shoulder and beneath it a musical stave picking out a few notes from his father's best-known song, *Poor Baby*.

Blessed with a burnished voice that echoes such all-time greats as Merle Haggard and Bob Wills, Watson adheres to the first principles of country music, but writes and plays his own songs, and he bridles at the suggestion that he is a throwback. "I do stuff in an old style, but that don't mean I've been left behind," he says.

His fourth album, *The Truckin' Sessions*, is an affectionate and utterly genuine tribute to those noble citizens in the American truck-driving profession, suffused with an endearing sense of energy, honesty and warmth.

While Watson would much rather stick to expressing such plain sentiments, he has become, however reluctantly, a man with a mission. It is *Nashville Rash*, in which he sings of being "too country now for country, just like Johnny Cash", that has become his signature song and which embodies everything that Watson is about.

"I'm a by-product of what Nashville's become," he says ruefully. "It's as if you've got a factory that's making a product and I'm one of the materials in the process that ends up going through a wastepipe and out into the river. What they've created has spawned me. The passion that I have for my music grows stronger every time I hear one of those fake-country, Garth Brooks-type songs on the radio."



Dale Watson: torch-bearer for real country music

● Naked Nashville *begins on July 11 on Channel 4 at 8pm*

● The Truckin' Sessions *is released by Continental Song City/CRS Records*

Glastonbury means torrents, trench foot and ruined tents. And, yes, we'll all be back for more

Soaked to the skin, thrilled to the bone

The worst conditions for a British festival on record were all right until you looked down. Up and straight ahead, it was still the Land of Green Ginger: a mythic, self-contained town which, every midsummer solstice, births itself and then eats itself within three days, leaving only crumbs and empty cans of Kestrel. Puppet-stalls, stilt-walkers, hog-roasts and bands were all still in place, same as every year.

But when you looked down, oh man — the feet just broke your heart. Rotting, oozing trainers shored up with twine-bound bin-bags. Doc Martens leaking from every lace-hole. Compared with the pathos of the feet, the faces were blankly unreadable. Little 15-year-old kids down from Manchester and Liverpool, shoulders skinny chicken-wings under hooded tops, trying to keep their ciggies alight with cupped hands. And the Placebo and Suede fans! Those Britpop semi-goths with their brave eyeliner and hopeful glitter — all rubble and grey ruin across their cheeks. I watched one Cure acolyte insisting on his regular routine, and trying to use his hairspray in the rain. As Elnett pushed it up, God gently but insistently put it down again. I don't think I've seen anything as poignant since that clip from *Beadle's About* where a cat's trying to be all Cat Cool and falls down the back of the telly, paws helicoptering.



CAITLIN MORAN

In these conditions, when the Vale of Avalon has turned into a stew of mud and frozen limbs, bands are the brandy keg on a St Bernard dog. Twenty minutes of frenetic bouncing to *Parklife, Song 2* and *End of a Century*, followed by an hour's gyration in the dance tent with the Chemical Brothers and the Aloof, and the small oceans of filth in your pockets, nose and hair were at least warmed small oceans of filth.

Catatonia's Cerys Matthews — resplendent in platinum-album status and gold dress — had an even better solution. "Imagine you're all somewhere hot, like Sri Lanka," she insisted on Friday night, before sticking each of Catatonia's hits in the back of the net with aplomb. Bands playing in the middle of a cauldron of mud don't muck about with B-sides, new songs and acid-dub-funk workouts: the threat of being pelted, coupled with a tremendous desire to get off the dripping stage as soon as possible, mean it's a jam-free hit rumpus all the way.

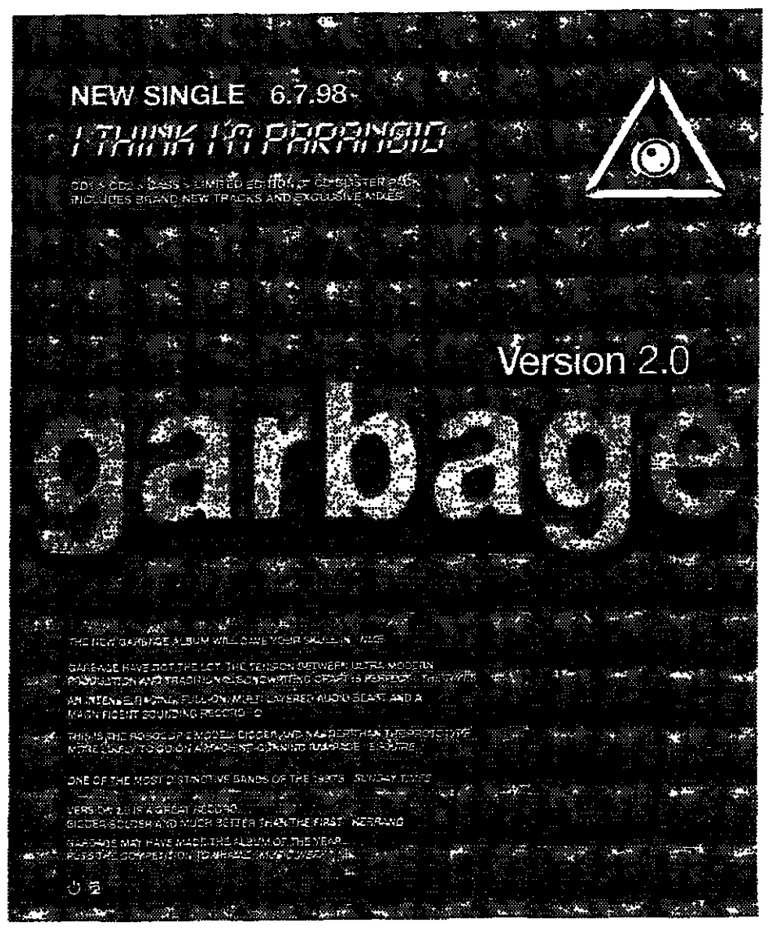
On Saturday, up on Row Mead hill, where half the tents were flattened and face-down in pools of filth a foot deep, the weekend-only hippies with mobile phones decided to jack it in. They had marquee-sized tents, palaces in a waterlogged paddock strewn with abandoned sleeping bags, Gaz stoves, and bloated toilet rolls. Drinking John Miller (89p a can), they torched their tents as the soaked and homeless Birmingham kids looked on.

Down in the valley, on the Other Stage, Six by Seven were dealing in similarly impotent fury. Half an hour late as roadies swept the rain from the stage, lead singer Chris Olley was met with a hail of abuse.

"F*** off," he snapped at his target audience. Mud studded the air. Half a song later, the mud stopped. Glastonbury victories are always sweeter and fiercer than any other.

In between bands on the Pyramid Stage, the organisers kept the audience happy by broadcasting crowd shots on the big screen. Those homeless, soaked kids danced like loons in order to be filmed: a group of 14-year-old lads started a mud slide, the prow-wave breaking in their smiling mouths as they waved to themselves up on the screen. Marshall McLuhan was wrong — television isn't the opiate of the masses. This is stronger stuff — cocaine, maybe. Speedballs.

On Sunday, Michael Eavis — whose garden it is that we romp in — took a tour of the site. I've never seen a man more upset — the gutted tents and shivering kids causing him to tug his beard and wince. What Eavis forgot in his sympathy, however, is that every one of his guests will be back for more next year.



Please don't shoot the messenger

Damian Whitworth on frontline reporters who had to take the flak on the battlefields of France 98

David Batty misses a penalty and the World Cup is over for England. A nation mourns. Journalists who have spent the past three weeks in France heave sighs of relief. But that is not to say that any of us hate football.

On Tuesday night I cheered as loud as anyone when Michael Owen scored, and while England battled to stay in the competition I, and fellow reporters, were caught up in the action and eager for the team to triumph.

But as soon as that penalty was missed, while fans in the stadium and at home were in despair, we wrestled with mixed emotions. Disappointed for the team, we were guiltily pleased for ourselves and our wellbeing.

Victory would have meant a return to Marseilles and the bottle throwers and knife-trick specialists who comprise that city's welcoming committee. But the danger of being caught up in trouble between rival fans was only one half of the problem that soured the World Cup for journalists. The other was that journalists became a specific target. Those out to get us were England fans.

There was a hint of what was to come before England's first game in Marseilles when, at the height of the trouble in the Old Port, a well-dressed Englishwoman who had been standing watching the proceedings started screaming at a group of reporters and photographers: "Do you hate football? You think this more important than the football, don't you?" I would have pointed out to her that it was worth telling our readers that English and Tunisian fans were involved in a full-scale riot, but a horde of people came stampeding towards us and we were forced to flee.

By the time the Marseilles rioting had been fully reported and we reached Toulouse, drunken fans had added a new song to their repertoire, a chant of "Stand up if you hate the press" repeated ad nauseam and occasionally varied to "Sit down if you hate the press". During a scuffle between fans and police, a Press Association reporter was overheard filing copy on his mobile phone, was beaten up and suffered a broken collarbone. Another reporter was hit over the head as fans lashed out at photographers and TV cameramen.

By the Lens match, reporters avoided using notebooks and mobile phones in public and photographers got their cameras out only when strictly necessary. The verbal abuse from fans was constant. I encountered many tattooed creatures, glassy-eyed with booze, yelling that we were "all scum".

One group of reporters who had become familiar to the fans was singled out for a shower of bottles. In St-Etienne, a female colleague who had tucked herself away at the back of a restaurant to write her copy tried to avoid the hard stares she received from a group of England fans, but was followed into the lavatory by one of them. Fortunately she had good enough French to convince him that she was not English so he grunted and shuffled off.

The antipathy of the hardcore troublemakers was understandable, as their pictures were appearing in the papers and on television and they were being identified by the police. But what was disturbing was that much of the abuse came from those who would never regard themselves as hooligans, such as the woman in Marseilles. One man said he was a chartered accountant before launching into a tirade against the press.

They believed that the press was inflaming the situation by its presence, and by exaggerating what happened. Admittedly, there was a moment in St-Etienne when there were so many camera crews running around in search of trouble that the police got overexcited and started waving their truncheons at cameras. But the fact that when trouble flared in Ostend there were hardly any journalists present — and no papers had predicted violence there — suggests that the hooligans did not need us to stir them up. As for exaggeration, the events needed none. Indeed, after Marseilles most papers condensed their accounts of trouble. We reported "minor skirmishes", but in reality they were horrible and simmered for hours.

The press was criticised for "only writing about the bad stuff". But the papers went out of their way to find good stories. We were also fair in our reporting of the trouble. Not all England fans were involved, but it was more than a handful.

A lot of those people who would never dream of being classed as hooligans drank all day and hung around on the fringes of the mob and shouted. Could the fact that reporters were witnessing them enjoying themselves in such an antisocial way have had something to do with their behaviour towards us? I do not know a single journalist in France who does not love football. We all went out full of anticipation at the joys ahead. We ended up vowing that if we ever covered a similar competition we would come with the burly bodyguards who accompanied Sky television reporters everywhere.

Tomorrow I am going to see the quarter-final between Germany and Croatia in Lyons. When friends acquired the tickets, we hoped the match would involve England, which it would have done if they had won their group and then succeeded against Croatia. But the depressing truth is that I am looking forward to the game because England are *not* involved and I can relax, off-duty, and watch the football without worrying about becoming another injury statistic.

GAEL CORNIER/AP



Sign language: English fans hurled constant abuse at reporters and photographers in France

Press freedom in UK comes of age

Harold Evans has high hopes for Britain, says **Raymond Snoddy**

Harold Evans, the former Editor of *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* who once famously denounced Britain's "half-free press" and lauded the American media has changed his tune.

The editor who campaigned on behalf of victims of the thalidomide drug in the mid-Sixties now believes that relief is in sight for the British press while the American media is suffering a catastrophic decline in standards. "In the past the American press served as an example to follow," Evans said in a lecture at Durham University on Wednesday. "Now it serves as a warning that freedom and a free flow of information may be a mixed blessing."

A Durham graduate and former Editor of *The Northern Echo*, he was in the city to receive an honorary doctorate and to give a lecture to inaugurate the Research Institute for the Study of Change in the university's Business School.

He argued that the World Wide Web already made nonsense of petty national restrictions on the flow of information. Referring to the Freedom of Information Act and the European Convention on Human Rights, he said: "If incipient reforms take shape, the British press will no longer be half-free.

"It will enjoy the kind of freedom the American press has — just at the time when the Web is coming into its own as a supplier and distributor of information. What wondrous things might be accomplished."

But as the richest and freest press in the world, was the American press still demonstrating the virtue of freedom? "The answer, regretfully, is no. Not any longer," said Evans, who lives in the US and recently joined the Zuckerman organisation, publisher of the *New York Daily News*.

He believes that, apart from exceptions such as the *The New York Times* and a number of intellectual magazines, much of the American media is now typified by "a confusion of news, entertainment, fact and fiction, aggravated by round-the-clock television news programmes that add little that is new but whip up emotions and base whole programmes on tendentious hypotheticals." There was a "celebrity mania" so that intrusions into privacy, once rare, and casual defamation, were now commonplace.

> 'The US media is a mix of news, fact and fiction'

Everyone in America now believed some version of the story that President Clinton and Monica Lewinsky were seen by someone in the White House in a compromising position, he said, yet the only "evidence" was third-hand gossip.

The gatekeepers of the American press, Evans said, were asleep. Within days recently the *New Republic* admitted that at least 23 of 41 articles written by one of its brightest writers were pure invention and at *The Boston Globe* a columnist admitted making up four columns about everyday life. There was now a whole literature of criticism created by senior American journalists using words such as malicious, negative, self-serving, mean, shameless, sanctimonious, belligerent, aggressive, disingenuous and plain nasty.

Osborn Elliott, a pioneering editor of *Newsweek* in the Watergate and Vietnam years, deplored the press as "journalism with a sneer", with little sense that any public policy was worth pursuing.

Evans said there had been an explosion in news outlets on radio, television and the press without an explosion of talent to match. "Public morals have been degraded by an endless peepshow," he added, and there seemed to be no sign of hitting bottom.

"The question is, can the [British] press rise to the occasion?" he said. "Freedom is not enough. There has to be a moral vision. Can it go down a different path from America in the pursuit of personality and the frenzy of competition?"

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'I've always had a longing for death'

Lucy Gannon was neglected as a child and beaten as a young wife, but the turbulent years that caused her so much pain provided the inspiration and the motivation for the television scripts that have made her name and fortune. **Moira Petty** reports

the media interview

Dearth and alienation are recurring motifs in the life of the writer Lucy Gannon. A crushing sense of never belonging is the abiding emotional memory of her shattered childhood and early adult life, and her conversation is spiked with the phrase "I was there on sufferance".

Her mother died of cancer when she was six and Gannon was fostered by a cruel uncle and aunt. "The parish priest told me I was a charity case and it was good of them to look after me and I'd better be grateful. I always felt there was no place in the world for me."

While she is still caught in the emotional slipstream of her past, she dissects it greedily for motive and cause, and applies the same examination of life's turbulent junctures to her television writing. *Soldier Soldier*, *Peak Practice*, *Bramwell*, *Trip Trap*, *A Small Dance*, *Tender Loving Care* and *Beyond Reason* deal largely or wholly with brutality, trauma and loss.

In the 12 years she has been writing, her prolific output and popularity with viewers has made her name and her fortune. It is only a decade since she moved from a council estate to a 17th-century country house and, in so far as she feels able to be part of any group, she still regards herself as working-class. "Whatever society I've been in, I've not been part of it," she says.

Gannon delights in cutting through middle-class psychobabble. When she was grieving for her husband George, who died of a heart attack six years ago, she was encouraged to see a counsellor. "Ten minutes into the session, I thought, 'I could write this scene better'. I was asked if I felt abandoned. I said 'Of course not, I am not ten years old'."

At 49, she cuts a robust figure, with opinions to match. She isn't inclined to marry again — "and, anyway, I don't think anyone would have me". Could her poor self-image be rooted in her childhood? "Look, matey," she barks jovially, "it's got nothing to do with my childhood. It's got to do with being ugly."

Her latest film for TV, *The Gift*, is a searing account of a woman (Amanda Burton) who discovers she has a fast-spreading metastatic bone cancer, and takes steps to ensure that her young daughter's memories will not be of a severely debilitated mother. She was initially asked to write a piece on euthanasia "but I'm very against it, so this is my slant on it". What she opposes is legal euthanasia. But death for the individual is, she says, "their undeniable right".

Gannon speaks with the certainty of someone who has been there. When she was 17 and in mental torment, she made a serious suicide attempt after being jilted by her fiancé shortly before their wedding. "I hadn't slept with him, being a good Catholic girl, but it felt like the final rejection. My mother had gone, now my boyfriend had rejected me."

A doctor prescribed antidepressants and other drugs for Gannon, then a military policewoman. She stockpiled them, and then locked herself in her room in barracks and took the lot.

"I didn't regret it for a moment. I felt there was nothing for me and that my father and stepmother would be better off without me. I had mates you could have a laugh with, but I had so many dark secrets in my life that I couldn't get close to them."

As it happened it was a friend who found her and raised the alarm. "When I came round I was in a terrible depression which lasted for ages and ages."

She eventually went back on duty but was judged to be temperamentally unsuited for her job and took up nursing instead. An army psychiatrist concluded that the suicide attempt was a reaction to her childhood and Gannon concurs. "I wanted to go home to Mum," she says.

Her mother, Mary, died in 1954, aged 47. Gannon has never come to terms with the devastation wreaked by her loss and has dedicated *The Gift* to her. The youngest in the family, Gannon was told little about her mother's breast cancer, which spread to her brain. "Unlike the chantering classes, we didn't sit and talk things out."

> My favourite sport is opening a bottle of wine

Her limited memories of her mother are bound up with her illness. "I was aware of her suffering. She was in bed a long time. Her sight went. One day I went into her room wearing a special dress. Mum thought she could see me and said 'It's a blue dress'. I was about to blurt out that it wasn't when my aunt nudged me."

A few years ago Gannon admitted to her father that she could not remember much of her mother. He made up a scrapbook of photos and memorabilia. "It's still quite painful to look at them, but wonderful. There are half-a-dozen home snaps and a studio portrait. I get the same feeling when I look at them as I did when I gazed into the eyes of my newborn daughter."

After her mother's death, Gannon was left with her Lancashire relatives until her father set up home with his second wife, Norah, to whom he is still devoted. The years with her aunt and uncle were so terrible that Gannon has never talked about them and won't while her father, now in his nineties, is alive. "A few years ago my stepmother asked if so-and-so had happened and I said yes. She said that my father had been so worried that that was the case. There was a lot of cruelty. I was neglected and it was a hellish time.

"My stay with my relatives left me unschooled, unable to talk properly to people and without table manners. I didn't have clothes or shoes that fitted me. I played out in the streets and got scruffy and was left to wander. I had to fend for myself."

She found it difficult to settle into the new family that her father, a Civil Service clerk, created in Wiltshire. "A half brother, Anthony, was born, but at six weeks he died of cystic fibrosis. It was very difficult for my stepmother. She lost her own baby and had this difficult 11-year-old to bring up."

Throughout her life, Gannon has tried to create the family atmosphere she missed. After her suicide attempt she went on to marry at 19. Her husband was a violent man who became the role model for the wifebeater in *Trip Trap*.

"I was desperate for a home of my own but he was a tortured man and there was a high level of violence. I stuck it out for two years. Then, on about my tenth visit to my GP, she said the violence was out of his control and the next time I could be dead — he had pushed me down the stairs and my nose and ribs were broken. I left the next day."

When she was 24, she met George, 14 years her senior. "I was shaky after my first marriage but George helped me understand it. I desperately wanted a child. When I found out I was pregnant I was both elated and depressed — I didn't think I knew how to be a mother." Her daughter Louise is now 20 and training to be a coastal skipper. Gannon doesn't share her sporty interests. "Bugger that. My favourite sport is opening a bottle of wine," she says.

George's heart attack in 1992 happened while he was unpacking after a family holiday. Louise, then 14, was with him. "It helped that we had been so happy. But when I went to register his death, I was handed a single-parent family leaflet and I was shattered."

Gannon began writing in 1987 hoping to win a £2,000 prize in a play-writing competition. "We were totally broke," she says. "I spent some of my winnings on a carpet.

"As soon as I got to page two of my play for the competition I knew that that was what I wanted to do for the rest of my life."

Appointed an MBE in the 1997 New Year's Honours List, she has more than made up for her late start. She is working on two projects for the BBC and has signed a film deal.

She is enjoying single life so much that "even if anyone was foolish enough to look at me, I wouldn't marry. I love my freedom. I love fellas, but it doesn't mean that I have to fall into bed with them. I do miss the sexual side of my marriage. After George died I'd have very vivid dreams and wake up thinking he was there."

Recently she moved into a former cottage hospital built in 1630 in the village of Wirksworth, Derbyshire. She has seen the records of patients who died there and the former mortuary stands in the garden. "I walk around this house with a big smile on my face. I'm somewhere I belong. I would say I am a happy person now. I've always had a longing for death and I want to die here when the time comes.

"Amanda Burton rang the other day when I was out. She asked how I was. My PA said: 'She's as happy as a sandboy. She wants her friends to lay her out in her mortuary when she dies. We're not doing it.' Amanda, who of course also plays the pathologist in *Silent Witness*, replied, 'Don't worry, I'll come up and do it for you'."

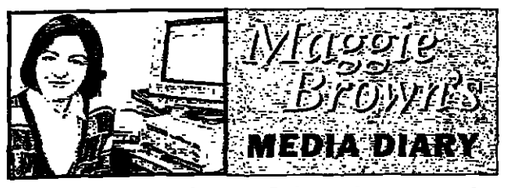
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At 49, Lucy Gannon cuts a robust figure, with opinions to match. She is disinclined to get married again — "and, anyway, I don't think anyone would have me"

Mail's pot shot at Express



■ THE *Daily Mail*'s managing editor Lawrence Sear has been writing sneaky letters to *Express* regulars, asking whether they are feeling "lost and exasperated by Rosie Boycott's revamp". "Forgive me for writing to you out of the blue," he gushes. "But I wondered whether you were entirely happy with the many recent changes made to your paper. You may be feeling uneasy about the direction taken by the paper's new editor, a feminist who on her previous newspaper campaigned for the legalisation of cannabis."

He is offering a free weekend trial of the *Mail* and a cut-price, six-week trial of the paper "which champions family values". Alas, he sent a letter to a Mrs Rose Blackhurst, of Barrow-in-Furness, whose son, Chris, just happens to be deputy editor of *The Express*.

Mrs Blackhurst's husband Donald, a retired teacher, says he and his wife regularly fill in the household spending circulars that come through their door, and tick the boxes asking which newspapers they take. They have bought *The Express* for years and *The Independent* (from where Blackhurst junior and Boycott hail).

"Quite frankly, we thought it very patronising and in poor taste. But we did take up the free weekend offer, since it was costing them."

■ MEANWHILE *Sunday Business*, the Barclay brothers' pink, paper, is busily mailing 5,000 executives at the main FTSE companies offering them a free supply for 52 weeks. It's a sign that sales since the February launch have been slow to grow. Bert Hardy, the chief executive, says he is building a controlled circulation list for advertisers. "We will always be a niche product."

■ BBC foreign bureaux face a "short sharp shock". No one covering a story may spend more than £100 unless authorised. An overspend of £565,000 in just ten weeks is apparently taking BBC World News into "uncharted territory". The problem, explains a memo, is that big foreign stories — the World Cup, Clinton in China — just keep on happening, and when they do, they have to be covered for lots more BBC outlets. You get the impression that the BBC would love it if troublesome foreign news never happened.

■ HAS *The Guardian* claimed another victim? Andy Allan, Carlton Television director of programmes, is leaving aged 55. It sounds cordial on the press release but the paper's exposure of dicey standards in Carlton's documentary department (particularly relating to *The Connection*, about Colombian drugs smuggling) hasn't helped. I also hear that the ITV Network Centre, which controls hundreds of millions of pounds, has become disillusioned with some Carlton programming: so the department is bound to be remodelled. The centre recently ordered an entire Carlton series to be re-edited. And that landed Carlton with a big bill.

■ I DROPPED in on Talk *Radio*, the national radio station currently under auction. Paul Robinson, the chief executive, has attracted two media groups, Lord Hollick's United News and Media and The Guardian Media Group, to back his management buyout. He is trying to hold off his rival Kelvin MacKenzie's bid (backed by News International, owner of *The Times*). Both sides are pondering whether to raise their offers. Here's an insight into how Lord Hollick does business. Robinson approached him. Hollick took personal control, closing the deal to take the maximum permitted 20 per cent stake within four days ... and he signed the agreement at Lord's, while watching the Test match.

Whoever wins — *Radio 5 Live* is the target. By broadcasting the World Cup, Talk Radio has seen its advertising shoot up by 240 per cent on a year ago.

■ As a fan of *Eldorado*, the BBC's doomed soap opera, I learnt a lesson: never assume audiences share your taste. Yet since Radio 4's big relaunch in April I'm listening less, and missing regular features such as the Tuesday morning phone-in and *Feedback* on Friday mornings. Now I hear that the first research published in *Audience* will bear out my experience. Radio 4 has held up comparatively well but listening by regulars is down by about half an hour a week. And new ones haven't joined the network. The verdict: at best a semi-success.

■ *COVER* magazine contains a selection of the supposedly best articles published every month. So why do men writers outnumber women by 15-1 in the latest issue? We're talking Quentin Letts, Charles Laurence and Jonathan Glancey while only a few female hotshots such as the New York-based Joanna Coles (who is joining *The Times* from *The Guardian*) ever make it. The Editor, Danny Danziger, assures me: "It's not conscious. Women are great interviewers. But now you mention it, we'll have a look."

A spot of soccer woe

Advertisers missed out on bumper World Cup audiences, says **Stefano Hatfield**

The tension between ITV and leading media buying agencies over the way the latter have bought advertising space during the World Cup came to a head this week over the England v Argentina match.

ITV is ecstatic about the viewing figures for the game — with good reason. At its peak it reached 26 million viewers, with the audience averaging 23 million across the game. It is ITV's highest rating, and the third-best UK figure of all time. Even this doesn't take into account people who were watching in groups in pubs.

But, despite a tournament that has seen audiences far exceed broadcasters' expectations, the World Cup has not quite delivered the advertising bonanza that ITV expected.

This is, of course, all relative. ITV spent £1.8 million on the World Cup, and Carlton alone took an estimated £2.2 million in advertising revenue just for the England v Romania game.

Yet we have just experienced the extraordinary phenomenon of deflation in the TV airtime marketplace for the month of June. The cost of airtime for the number of viewers reached has actually turned out to be cheaper than at the same time last year. All this at a period when advertisers' constant lament is TV airtime inflation.

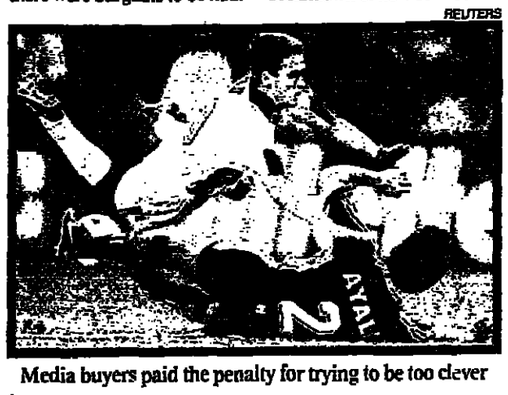
Here's how it happened: ITV announced its World Cup plans last September. Mindful of the success of Euro 96, it pitched high. Media buying agencies thought that ITV was overhyping the tournament, and muttered about Carlton trying to charge £250,000 for 30 seconds in an England game.

Scared media buyers, anxious not to blow too much of their clients' spend at once, brought the money forward to buy airtime in May. Too many of them did so, resulting in inflation in that month — the kind of thing the buyers were hoping to avoid in June. The crucial difference being that May didn't have the World Cup's huge audiences, particularly for advertisers trying to reach affluent young men.

So ITV let it be known that there were bargains to be had. Once it became obvious that England would play Argentina, you might think that buyers would have been rushing to bite ITV's hands. On the contrary, rumours were rife that on-the-day spots were still going in Carlton for £80,000 to £100,000, nearly half the price for the England v Romania game the previous week.

At this time of the year, a national 30-second spot might cost £150,000. To spend "only" £200,000 to reach a national audience of 26 million is amazing value. A few advertisers did take advantage of the last-minute offers, but what held back the others? It's difficult to explain without going into a bewildering breakdown of how our archaic TV media buying and selling industry works.

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Media buyers paid the penalty for trying to be too clever

In short, advertisers' agencies commit their media buying money in advance of airdate, during the annual rounds of negotiation. They commit to a time period — and calculate the cost by lumping together their clients' spends to obtain volume discount.

It's difficult and bureaucratic to take advantage of short-term opportunities in this framework. In fact, ITV has accused buyers of being "lazy", being obsessed with buying discount against an average price, and looking to cover themselves having spent all their clients' money in May.

In recent years ITV has given incentives to buyers for early booking and penalised them for late booking. But the question is whether buyers should have predicted how special the World Cup would be. It's hard to believe that with football's popularity they failed to guess it would be a TV success. They probably thought they could be clever by moving out of June — but, as everyone had the same idea, the plan backfired.

Audiences will undoubtedly dip this weekend. Germany v Croatia doesn't have the same ring as England v Holland, but they will pick up again for the semis and the final, so there are still deals to be struck. But after the tournament there will have to be soul-searching on both sides.

● *Stefano Hatfield is the Editor of Campaign*

The World at War

Carol Midgley asks why a respected BBC forum is now bottom of the Downing St popularity stakes

SIMON WALKER



Nick Clarke, presenter of *The World at One*, talking to Robin Cook at a Labour conference

Who could blame the staff of Radio 4's *The World at One* for feeling a trifle browbeaten this week? After all, it's not every day that the Prime Minister's chief press secretary publicly awards you bottom marks in the league table of news and current affairs programmes.

In a letter to *The Times*, Alastair Campbell wrote that many ministers now decline to appear on the programme because "very few people in politics or the media take it seriously". One of the Chancellor's aides spoke more candidly, confiding: "They don't get anyone on. They are wankers."

It is clear that *The World at One* has become unpopular, especially with government aides. Of course, self-respecting journalists have no business being in the pockets of politicians, and managing to rattle their cages is an achievement of which they should be proud. But even the most seasoned Westminster hands have been taken aback by the ferocity of feeling against what until now was regarded as one of the BBC's more respected news forums.

Much of Labour's chagrin can be traced to last year's general election campaign, when it was no secret that the programme's agenda frustrated the party spin-doctors.

World at One staff say they simply ran what they regarded as the most important stories of the day — which did not always agree with Labour's view of what should be newsworthy. "We did our own thing and set our own agenda, and Labour did not like that. We were not on message," says an insider. "We attended all the briefings, but only went with what we thought were genuinely good stories. They hated us for it."

Government sources, however, give a different version. "That programme was obsessed with spin-doctors and media navel-gazing," says one. "They were not interested in stories about policy which might have affected the lives of ordinary people, the voters, but only about the process of politics. And if there was an anti-Labour story, they would lead on it for three days in a row when others had long since moved on."

One of these stories, of course, was the one about Labour planning to privatise the National Air Traffic Control Service. It was a story that provided unwelcome headlines for Tony Blair and the Labour campaign team.

But the ill-feeling runs deeper. Kevin Marsh, the programme's editor, had a mighty bust-up with Tim Allen, then Campbell's deputy and now director of corporate communications for BSkyB.

The dispute concerned three stories released by Labour at the time Robin Cook announced that he was leaving his wife — a review of the fate of the Royal Yacht *Britannia*, Kenneth Clarke being invited to join a cross-party committee on economic policy, and a development on M16's investigation into Chris Patten.

The Patten story was carried on *The World This Weekend*, a Radio 4 programme also edited by Marsh. Next day, however, *The World at One* carried a piece suggesting that Labour had manipulated the news agenda to take the spotlight off the Foreign Secretary's marital problems.

"It made Tim Allen's life a misery, and they have not forgotten it in Downing Street," says a BBC source. Another adds: "Kevin is not bothered about upsetting them, you see. He is the best editor the BBC has got, with an excellent nose for a story. Nobody knows what his politics are."

Whitehall sources think differently. "Kevin is a very talented guy but on that occasion he wanted it both ways. He ran with the original story, then did another saying it was all cooked up by spin-doctors," says one. "*World at One* journalists were told at the beginning of the election campaign that their mission was not to write about policies and manifestos, but to dig for a so-called scandal that wasn't there. It was purely gratuitous."

Former journalists on the programme will probably smile at the suggestion that it is doggedly anti-Labour. Since its inception with its first presenter William Hardcastle in 1965, it has often been accused of being just the opposite. As long ago as 1970, Tory MPs were accusing it of favouring Labour, and Brian Mawhinney lodged an official complaint about anti-Tory bias in 1996.

In 1989 James Naughtie, then the presenter, famously clashed with Neil Kinnock. Kinnock swore and declared he was not going to be "bloody kebabed" by Naughtie. Recording had to be stopped while the Labour leader composed himself.

Political journalists concede that they now get fewer stories from the programme than they did two years ago. One says: "I can't remember when we last got a splash out of them, but the political climate has changed. And if fewer politicians appear on the programme, there are fewer opportunities for stories to arise."

Perhaps Nick Clarke, the programme's presenter, has adopted the best attitude to all the fuss. In an article in the *New Statesman* he writes that he is flattered that government aides have taken the trouble to describe him and his colleagues as wankers.

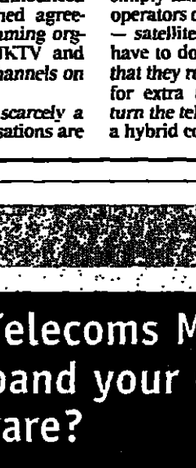
As he says: "There is surely some kudos in knowing the smooth service of the news management machinery can still be scratched."

Get ready for a brave new age

Britain's digital broadcasting party is about to begin. Everywhere there are signs of frantic preparations, of deals slotting into place and extensive marketing campaigns.

By the start of September it will be very difficult to ignore that an important battle is under way to persuade viewers that five television channels are not enough, and that even existing channels will look and sound better in digital.

This week the BBC launched a press campaign aimed at undermining the sceptics. The digital age really will revolutionise broadcasting, the BBC insists, and you, the viewer, had better sit up and pay attention.



Raymond Snoddy

Among the welter of announcements, it would have been easy to miss the news that Microsoft's WebTV subsidiary is deadly serious about coming into the UK television market, and has linked up with the BBC for extensive trials. In the United States, 400,000 subscribers have already signed up for WebTV's interactive television service. It integrates traditional broadcasting with additional text and graphics. Internet access and e-mail on a conventional television screen. No dates have been announced, but it would be surprising if WebTV is not available in Britain by autumn 1999.

Next Thursday radio will make a digital pitch with the confirmation that six manufacturers will launch digital car radio models this autumn.

And BSkyB is now making clear that, from later this month, it will use special offers to try to convert more than four million satellite-dish owners to digital.

But the most significant development of the week came on Wednesday when BSkyB — in which News International, owner of *The Times*, has a 40 per cent stake — announced that it had finally reached agreement with three programming organisations, Discovery, UKTV and Flextech, to show their channels on digital satellite.

The agreements were scarcely a surprise. All three organisations are linked through joint ventures or common ownership and, in turn, have tie-ups with the BBC.

The deals mean, however, that in one swoop no fewer than 17 channels have been added to the digital satellite roster on the way to assembling a 200-channel line-up.

Although we always knew that digital satellite was going to have much more capacity than digital terrestrial, which will offer about thirty channels, this week's deals highlighted the imbalance between the two systems. Some of those involved whispered privately yesterday that they had identified digital satellite as the winner, which was why they were determined to scramble on board.

A number of channels will not be available to British Digital Broadcasting (BDB), the main commercial digital terrestrial player.

It is a small but eloquent sign that BSkyB now regards BDB as a rival, rather than a partner, in the development of digital television in Britain, now that the satellite company is no longer an equity investor in BDB but merely a programme supplier.

There is still no sign that BDB, due to launch in mid-November, has managed to sign up any significant attractions on an exclusive basis.

The company, a joint venture between Carlton and Granada, will concentrate on its obvious advantages: that most viewers, but not all, will be able to receive 30 extra channels with an existing conventional aerial and without the need to have either a satellite dish or cable connection.

The company has also stumbled upon an extra dimension to its "plug-in-and-play" marketing approach: the digital terrestrial system is portable. If you move house, you simply take it with you. All that the operators of the three digital systems — satellite, terrestrial and cable — have to do now is persuade people that they really do want to pay more for extra television choice and to turn the television in the corner into a hybrid computer.

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Rising son of the East

Jonathan Fenby on the media tycoon that Beijing loves to hate

A year after Hong Kong's return to China, the outspoken newspaper owner Jimmy Lai is alive and well, and reading Lord Acton.

It is not clear if Mr Lai, China's least favourite proprietor, intends to apply the wisdom of the eminent Victorian thinker to the cut-throat press world of the Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic. But, much as his more high-minded peers decry the style of his publications, Mr Lai's current wellbeing is a powerful indication of the continuing freedom of the territory's media.

> To drop the sex page would cut sales by 25%

Just three years ago, the one-time penniless refugee from Guangzhou founded a brash newspaper, *Apple Daily*, to complement his equally racy magazine called *Next*. With its short stories, heavy use of colour photographs and graphics, consumer tests and overall punchiness, the paper took Hong Kong by storm. Sales are running at about 430,000, and readership has reached 1.5 million, fewer than 200,000 behind the long-time popular market leader, the *Oriental Daily News*.

Sitting in his partitioned-off space in his new premises on an industrial estate, Mr Lai talks of accounting for 65 per cent of Hong Kong's 5.5 million newspaper readership in three years' time.

Apple Daily's editorial approach horrifies some Hong Kong editors for its sensationalism. The paper includes "reviews" of girls in red light bars and can be counted on to print the goriest pictures of the latest murder.

Mr Lai is unfazed. Asked if he would consider dropping the "sex page", he replies that doing so would cut sales on the day it appears by 25 per cent. He insists that the sensationalism enables him to promote freedom and democracy through the market, which is certainly something he knows a lot about. Smuggled into Hong Kong through Macau at the age of 12, he made his first fortune through stock market speculation, built up a business making sweaters and then hit the big time with a retail clothing chain whose name — Giordano — made many people think it was Italian.

A great believer in focus groups and consumer service journalism, Mr Lai links his success with *Apple* and *Next* to an absence of the hang-ups that afflict traditional press people. A key element is probably that he is not a newspaperman. His aim, he says, is to give the customers what they want. "I don't see newspapers any differently to the T-shirts I was selling in Giordano."

But Hong Kong, and some people further afield, regard Mr Lai's operation as rather more than that. All successful newspaper proprietors embody the spirit of their time and their place, and he is no exception. In his trademark jeans and braces, he epitomises the hustling, irreverent side of Hong Kong which is not too concerned with the details of politics but has a keen awareness of the value of freedom. He has a Paris flat by the Seine, but is everybody's street-smart brother. He likes to eat three-star food at Le Grand Vefour in Paris, but was equally at home recently pouring lager from the can as we worked our way through the menu at a bare-walled Chinese-Malaysian walk-up restaurant in Kuala Lumpur.

His paper may not sell on its political coverage, but Mr Lai is a highly political figure, thanks to insults he fired at the former Chinese Prime Minister, Li Peng, in *Next* magazine. That means that Mr Lai and his publications are on the banned list in China proper — its reporters, for instance, were not allowed to cover President Clinton's visit to the mainland.

Commercially, his politics can be a burden. China-related companies do not advertise in *Apple Daily*, and Mr Lai has had problems with plans to list on the stock exchange. *Apple* and *Next* are not the favourite reading of the post-handover Government in Hong Kong either, but Mr Lai is the first to say that he has not come under any official pressure to tone down his publications since last July.

Some of his critics, however, wish he would do just that. *Apple* has breached the old tradition under which most Hong Kong newspapers were politically neutral and reported serious matters seriously. There is no doubt that its heart and soul lies with the democrats who won a large majority of votes in legislative elections in May. The question is whether the paper's in-your-face approach is as suitable for reporting Hong Kong's complex politics and seesawing economy as it is for charting the latest karaoke bar affray, or whether, in an echo of British tabloids, it has coarsened public debate into a good guys versus bad guys, two-dimensional view of life.

Mr Lai, characteristically, has no doubt: to work, he insists, *Apple* has to be the print equivalent of fast-moving colour television. If his competitors have to change or die, that is the way a free market works. And the eternally feisty kid-on-the-block, with his ready smile and brush-cut hair, is always on the lookout for new targets to bash, new markets to attack.

"I just wanted to go against City Hall," he says. "We advocate freedom and democracy, and we also have the sex columns. I don't see any contradiction there. We can't detach a newspaper from human nature and succeed."

Succeed he certainly has. After all the gloom and doom about the outlook for the Hong Kong media last summer, the reality has been a good deal more encouraging. Like it or not, the fact that, three years after its launch, *Apple Daily* can set its sights on capturing a two-thirds share of the market, in this small part of the last major state ruled by the Communist Party, says something about the freedom of the press in Hong Kong.

● *Jonathan Fenby is Editor of the South China Morning Post in Hong Kong*



Apple Daily's punchy approach, left, has made it a big seller. Its owner, Jimmy Lai, right, and his publications are banned on mainland China but operate freely in Hong Kong

British adman in Cannes



■ A COUPLE of joggers are abused in the street: a woman screams at them, an old man shouts that they're crazy; rubbish is thrown at them by a speeding motorist. A caption asks "What if we treated all athletes the way we treat skateboarders?"

This American ad is one of a three-film series for Nike that also sees tennis players having their surreptitious midnight game interrupted by a security guard, and golfers being arrested on the putting green for daring to play.

Was this campaign the best in the world over the past year? Last week in Cannes, at the 45th annual International Advertising Festival, it was voted so in front of 7,000 delegates from around the world who had gathered to view more than 4,900 commercials.

The Nike campaign put the seal on a festival that was dominated by the Americans, who walked off with 13 of the 23 gold awards. New agencies with silly names such as Wongdoody, Suburban and the Kowloon Wholesale Seafood Company appeared on the stage for the first time and signalled that they would become important players in the advertising world.

The widely held view that there had been a renaissance in American creativity was put down largely to a buoyant economy in which major marketers were prepared to buy more adventurous advertising. It's a sensible theory, but it falls apart when applied to the British.

The Brits normally battle with the US for the top prizes. This year the tally was just three golds, and that was being generous. There was no controversy at all about the wonderful VW "lamppost" ad that has cleaned up at UK awards ceremonies. However, the Impulse spot in which a beautiful art school student induces an erection in the volunteer sitter, and the Sony PlayStation ad which sees a chef pick his nose and put the result in the starter, wipe the main course around the rim of the toilet bowl, and spit cognac over the dessert, were each a little lucky.

The other much-fancied UK ads — the BBC's "Perfect Day" and Nike's "Parklife" starring Eric Cantona — got nothing. But they looked less impressive in international competition than they did on our screens back home.

Which is not to say they have suddenly become bad ads. An international jury cannot possibly hope to understand the context in which an ad was created or the target audience it is aimed at — particularly when it has to plough through 4,900 films in four days.

Equally, the winners will not appeal to all who see them. The American squirrel greeting the Dial-A-Mattress deliverymen warmly because he is looking forward to his hibernation away from his nagging wife will not be to everyone's taste. Neither will the Miller Lite ad in which a beer drinker's arm waggles with joy like a dog's tail and sprays beer around, nor the series of ads in which Seattle Supersonics basketballers drop in unexpectedly on fans in their homes.

The latter, in particular, is a little too schmaltzy for British tastes. We tend to hide our emotions behind irony or verbal and visual punning, letting our talented directors cover up for the shortcomings of the script with their filmic virtuosity. The ads that won at Cannes this year were, by contrast, largely simple ideas told in an understated filmic style.

Having read all this you may be forgiven for asking why it matters. After all, it all seems a long way away from the principal task of the advertising industry: shifting its clients' products. But in the context of the ever-increasing globalisation of the ad industry, the one genuinely global advertising competition matters more than ever. Clients are looking for interesting agencies creating stimulating work — and they care ever less about the location or size of agencies. They can use other agency networks to run the work worldwide if they need to.

Smart agencies, such as Britain's Bartle Bogle Hegarty and Lowe Howard-Spink and America's BBDO, have long used exposure and awards at Cannes to attract anyone from potential new clients to possible international acquisition targets.

But, to be honest, many people, particularly Brits, go to Cannes primarily for fun, and the chance to meet and schmooze with people they may never gain access to during the course of the regular working week.

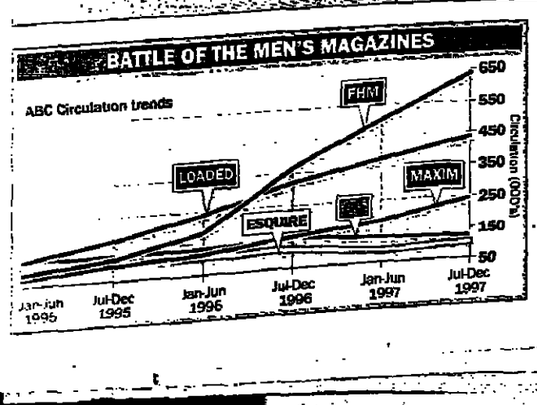
There's a bar there on the Croisette where the Brits hang out. Opposite the swanky Martinez Hotel, it is aptly nicknamed the "gutter bar" because it gets so packed by two in the morning that everyone has to stand in the road outside. There for the past quarter century the same people have played the same games, told the same jokes and sneered at the same foreigners.

While this goes on, new countries from Russia to Korea and China have been coming to Cannes in their hundreds. They sit in the auditoriums watching hundreds of ads — many mind-numbing — often taking notes.

Now, as in the case of Brazil, they are starting to win almost as many awards as we do. Will our advertising, one of the few things we still can genuinely claim to be best in the world at, lose its edge over the rest?

It will if we continue to ignore that the rest of the world continues to catch up. Why should the ad industry be any different from our sports teams or manufacturing industries? It is not only English football fans who have been displaying a sadly misplaced disdain for the rest of the world in France this past month.

● *Stefano Hatfield is the Editor of* Campaign.



THE "new ladism" of *FHM* and *Loaded* seems to be paying off, with both titles enjoying soaring circulations. In the last ABC period (July '97 to Dec '97), *FHM* was bubbling at the 650,000 mark and looks set to rise further.

Prior to the launch of IPC's *Loaded* in April 1995, the men's magazine market had rarely breached 100,000 sales.

The market veterans, *Arena* and *GQ*, have not managed the same success. Despite *GQ*'s move towards "ladism", there has been no rise in circulation of late.

Emap, IPC and Dennis will be happy as their titles, *FHM*, *Loaded* and *Maxim*, are on the rise. The lads are out and they have money to spend.

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EDUCATION

Time to untie the straitjacket

There can be no reform of the A-level system until universities change their attitudes, says **Vivian Anthony**


IAN McCARNEY

The A road: vice-chancellors may extol the virtues of a well-rounded education but admissions tutors want next year's students to have even better results

The A level has served generations of students well and established standards envied throughout the world, but time is moving on and both schools and employers see the need for change.

The system must allow students to develop their own strengths while also laying the foundations for lifelong learning and for changes of career and lifestyles. We must maintain the best features of A level and improve vocational qualifications, but we must also learn from experience elsewhere in the world how to bring the best out of the much larger number of young people now in post-16 education.

Forty head teachers and other experts in the field met at Sevenoaks School recently to consider radical solutions. They were driven by a sense of disappointment that the Government had not made more of the many recommendations of the Dearing report and by the frustration that comes from having to operate in a straitjacket imposed by external forces.

In schools that send 95 per cent of their students on to university, the desire to help them to win the best places is strong. Prestigious universities set high entrance tariffs and schools and students have to plan strategies to help the latter to achieve the goal. That usually means obtaining the highest possible A-level grades. Anything else is icing on the cake and is usually influential only if there are more applicants with the required grades than there are places.

When applicants write to universities to ask if their extra subjects, general studies or any other evidence of broad and balanced education will help them to secure a place, they are told to concentrate on obtaining an A grade in the relevant subjects. Much as vice-chancellors proclaim the virtues of candidates having a well-rounded education, the admissions tutors want next year's students to have even better results. In such circumstances, what school would risk its students' chances by introducing an exciting new academic programme?

Other restrictions come from the Government and its advisers. "A-level standards must be maintained" is the bottom line, and thinking about what is meant by standards is bunkered. They do not accept that it is possible to produce an equally demanding programme involving the study of more subjects with reduced, but carefully selected, core content in each. The media reinforce the prejudices with references to a "dumbing-down process".

So the Government is encouraging schools to teach a one-year programme of five subjects to AS level, at a standard equivalent to the first year of A level, followed by three subjects taken on to A level in the second year. Many courses will be in modular form: three modules for an AS, six in total for A level. What has not been explained is how schools will find the time to teach 15 modules in the first-year sixth form (five subjects x three modules) where they currently teach nine (three subjects x three modules).

Far from increasing resources to make this task easier, the Government is considering how economies can be achieved. At the same time, schools will be asked to take on additional teaching to help students to develop communication, numeracy and information technology. Heads can be forgiven for wondering how students stretched by the current demands of three subjects will cope with five subjects to be studied to the same level, with no extra time available.

GCSE is another part of the straitjacket, pressing all young people to jump this hurdle at the same time. Equally restricting is the system for publishing schools' exam results. No serious move away from age-related qualifications is likely to occur while schools are judged by the number of GCSE subjects candidates obtain when they are 15 or A levels at 17.

A number of different ways forward were considered at Sevenoaks. The International Baccalaureate provides a post-16 qualification, which has gained worldwide acceptability, and which requires students to take three higher-level subjects and three subsidiary subjects in different areas. While the content of these courses is less than for A and AS level, the standards achieved are considered to be comparable, or even superior, by the aficionados. Although the IB provides a balance of breadth and specialism that is widely praised, there has been limited take-up in this country because it is demanding on students and requires additional teaching and other resources.

However, universities here and abroad have been persuaded that the IB provides a good preparation for degree work, and IB students are said to perform at least as well as their A-level peers at university. Admissions tutors, in considering IB candidates, apparently take a different view of them than of A-level candidates offering a breadth of qualifications. While the A-level candidate has to obtain, say, ABB for a place at a highly rated university, the IB candidate would have to achieve the equivalent number of Ucas points (26) spread across all six subjects.

This must surely be the way forward for the new A/AS/GNVQ arrangements if the universities want to encourage a broader approach. Schools must negotiate with admissions tutors deals that are at least as favourable as those for the IB. Points must be awarded for all five AS subjects taken in the lower sixth as well as for A-level passes. Candidates should not be expected to obtain such high grades if they are taking five AS and three A levels as those who concentrate on three A levels. Credit must also be given for key skills.

Unless these offer fairness as well as flexibility, most schools will continue down the old, narrow A-level route, which may suit those highly able candidates with a strong specialist bent but which does no service to those who wish to continue with a broad and balanced programme throughout their secondary education.

● *The author is the Secretary of the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference.*

Iola Smith on a project to persuade expatriate Welsh to come home

Allure of the countryside

Many school-leavers in rural areas barely look back as they head for university or jobs in the city. They take it for granted that the countryside has little to offer them in adult life.

But a group of schools in Wales is attempting to stem the exodus. The European Union is putting £371,000 into a project that sees them as the key to regenerating the region. Seven secondary schools are working with the Development Board for Rural Wales (DBRW) to trace former pupils — going as far back as 1968 — who could be encouraged to return to contribute economically and socially to their home communities.

"There is great potential for young people from Mid-Wales to return to set up businesses, take up employment, invest and contribute," says Sian Lloyd Jones, the board's chief executive. She has followed that path herself. A former Newtown High School pupil, she studied at Oxford and then worked for a Japanese bank before returning to live and work in Newtown, in Powys.

"None of the Routes Project could be prepared without the assistance of information technology," says Ian Brown, the head of one of the participating schools, Builth Wells High School, in Powys. "Our IT department is developing a database of pupils who have attended the school over its 102-year history. We are starting with this year's school-leavers, who are filling a questionnaire about their educational achievements, employment and factors that influence their decision to stay or move away. And previous pupils are asked whether they are interested in returning."

As Builth Wells's largest employer, creating work for some 70 people from teachers to cleaners, the 650-pupil school takes its community responsibilities seriously. Developing a lasting relationship with former pupils is part of that commitment, and the school is preparing a newsletter to be sent to all individuals on the database.

"Depopulation is the problem, particularly among the 20-50 age group," says Mr Brown. "Part of our aim is to correct the misconceptions that many former pupils may have about returning to live in the countryside.

"So for those considering returning — quite a few do in their late twenties and early thirties — we can use the database to give them information about training and employment opportunities."

Next term Builth Wells's GNVQ business studies students are to extend the database, information about which is available on the school's Internet site. A past pupil now based in Florida has made contact as a result.

The DBRW hopes that past pupils will bring new skills and perhaps even new businesses back to their home communities, following the example of Laura Ashley, who returned to Wales to establish a manufacturing operation.

However, as Mr Brown notes with relief, some people prefer to remain close to their rural roots. The family of Clara Thomas, the school's benefactress more than 100 years ago, for example, has retained close links ever since by having members of the family serving regularly on the governing body.

To launch the Routes Project last month, Builth Wells's pupils created and performed a play outlining what youngsters perceived as the negative aspects of country living. Pupils from a second participating school, Towyn High School, in Gwynedd, presented the opposite view, by focusing on the positive changes taking place today.

Countering the former view and boosting the latter will be the database's aim over the next few years.

Bringing sopranos and tenors to 10-year-olds

Children in Ealing are enjoying a taste of opera. **Susan Elkin** reports


STUART COLWILL

Pavilion Opera perform *Don Carlos* at Hathaway School

Those who think opera is "too difficult" for, or "irrelevant" to, children should have been at Pavilion Opera's live performance at Hathaway primary school in Ealing on Tuesday, when 125 10 and 11-year-olds — some of whom were visitors from the nearby John Perryn primary school and from Castlebar, the special school next door — listened, rapt, to 90 minutes of Verdi's *Don Carlos*, sung in Italian. Faces were studiously attentive, and collective breath was palpably held during quiet moments. Enthusiastic applause told its own story.

Dressed mostly in velvet, the company presented a seamlessly abridged version of *Don Carlos* "in the round". The stage, a square carpet, was dominated by a huge wooden cross, an uncompromising reminder of the horrors of the Spanish Inquisition.

No member of the junior audience was more than a few feet way from the blood, thunder and passion of the action which was ably accompanied on piano by the music director, Peter Bailey, and his assistant, Gillian Ford. "It's wonderful," said Farlan Nazir, 10, dreamily in the interval. "Especially the smell of the steam, and the big piano." Farlan had carefully positioned himself where he could watch every twitch of the pianists' fingers on the hired electric Yamaha concert grand, and was relishing the novel ceriness of the theatrical artificial smoke.

Actors playing so near the audience must use a lot of facial expression. This they did, also taking every opportunity to move among the children and get down to floor level to share letters and other "secrets" with them.

"What I liked best," said Clare Sylvertson, 10, "was when they came down near us as though they were singing to us directly. It was much better than seeing opera on TV."

Pavilion Opera, founded in 1981 by Freddie Stockdale, has given 15,000 professional cameo performances of 20 different operas. Since the formation of the company's educational trust with charitable status in 1992, Pavilion has also done about 12 performances each year in schools as part of national curriculum music for 8 to 12-year-olds.

The Ealing project — which, after two three-year cycles, finished this year — has been sponsored by Greenford-based Glaxo Welcome. During the past six years every primary school in the borough has tasted live opera. Three more performances of *Don Carlos* — this year's offering — will reach hundreds more children in eight Ealing schools.

Pavilion Opera Education Trust (Poet) also works in other areas, such as Sheffield and Lambeth, and would do more if further corporate sponsorship were forthcoming. An arrangement is made between the Director of Education and Poet about how best to present the programme to schools in a particular LEA. The performance — actual cost £6,000 — is free to the schools, but only if the teachers and children do their homework beforehand.

"It wouldn't work without the preparation," says Mr Stockdale. He expects the schools to work on the music as well the opera's background in art, history and geography for several weeks prior to the performance.

About a week before the big day Mr Stockdale visits each school involved to check that this has been done to a high standard. "I'm not proud of it, but I once had to bar a school from the performance because it hadn't taken the preparation requirement seriously enough," he says.

Happily, there were no such problems at Hathaway. The walls of the school hall were decorated with — among other things — impeccably mounted work by children on Verdi's life and times, the Spanish Inquisition and lovely Holbein-esque paintings of the characters in *Don Carlos*. They had also been listening to tapes of the main arias.

And what scope there was for raising language awareness, too. The singers' diction was remarkably clear and, as Leah Vansanten-Smith, 10, commented perceptively, "I'd rather hear it in Italian because English wouldn't go with the music".

Opera has always been a social event as well as an artistic experience, and afterwards there was a special tea during which the children collected autographs from the singers — still smiling and able to chat naturally with their young audience. Pupils also had a good mingle with council officials, representatives of the sponsor, local clergymen, the community policeman and several journalists and photographers.

"We hope that, whatever happens in the future, we will have given them at least one good experience, a starting point, that they will remember," says Mr Stockdale. He insists that the children write him a post-performance letter. So Poet has a heart-warming and well-deserved fat file of immaculately presented, excited letters from young opera fans.

Public funding and cultural importance of the arts, particularly opera, has been much debated this week. The arts summit held at Downing Street on Monday preceded Tuesday's publication of Richard Eyre's damning report. Those engrossed Ealing children certainly made it as clear as Tony Blair, Richard Eyre or anyone else could wish that there need be nothing snobbish or elitist about opera. These children, who had learnt and enjoyed themselves so much, were of all creeds, cultures, colours and backgrounds. And some of them had severe learning difficulties. Opera is indeed for everyone.

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BY MIKE ROSEWELL, ROWING CORRESPONDENT

THE official Henley recorders are not known for over-enthusiasm and the report on the Princess Elizabeth Cup race at 3.35pm contented itself with the line, "A classic schoolboys' race". Presumably the packed enclosures agreed, since the noise generated as Eton and St Edward's battled for supremacy was deafening.

Eton prevailed, by half a length, after thrust and counter-thrust from both crews over the 1¼-mile course, but the tenacity of both schools demanded admiration. Bruce Grainger, the Eton coach, put down his video camera and said: "I need two cups of tea after that."

The race produced a fast time, nine seconds outside the record in bumpy conditions. It was bettered, however, by the main American contenders, St Mary's Prep, who were pushed, also to half a length, by St Paul's, who also raised the noise level.

There was more to come in the evening when Radley were led marginally by St Paul's, Concord, US over the whole course until the crescendo of enclosure noise lifted them to a one-third of a length success. Their time matched that of St Mary's Prep.

Response from the enclosures was enthusiastic, but more subdued, for the efforts of newcomers to the Royal Regatta. Old met new in the first Ladies' Plate eights heat when Trinity College, Dublin met the Turks of Galatasaray Spor Kulubu, experiencing Henley for the first time.

No one knew quite what to expect from Galatasaray but once the umpire, Mike Sweeney, dropped his flag, they found out. The Turks matched Trinity in rate but edged to a three-quarter length lead after two minutes. Trinity pulled this back to half a length by halfway but made no further impression until the last 100 yards when their stroke man, William Gilbert, wound his crew to 41 and they squeezed a quarter-length win in the fastest time of the Regatta to date.

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The first appearances of Chilean and Guatemalan competitors also aroused interest and proved them to be well up to standard. Javier Godoy, at a mere 11st 4lb, came agonisingly close to a first Henley win for a Chilean in the Diamond Sculls. Facing Matthijs van der Schoot, of Holland, Godoy kept cool when beaten off the start, took a narrow lead at halfway and extended this to three-quarters of a length by the enclosures.

The Dutchman attacked but Godoy looked like hanging on until he hit the boons five strokes from the line. A cruel "not rowed out" decision ensued. Guatemala were the first of the "new boys" to record a success when Herman Garcia and Rudi Motta beat Paul Thomas and Oliver Webber, of Marlow. The diminutive Guatemalans face Britain's top heavyweights, Simon Goodbrand and Colin Greenaway, in the Double Sculls today.

Another diminutive Latin American competitor, Maria Garisoain, from Argentina, progressed through her first round of the Women's Sculls. Garisoain, just 9st 4lb, was timed at 8min 49sec. The two selected women, Guin Batten, of Great Britain, 11st 13lb, and Maria Brandin, of Sweden, 13st 10lb and the holder, cruised through their first races, timed at 8min 43sec and 8min 45sec respectively.

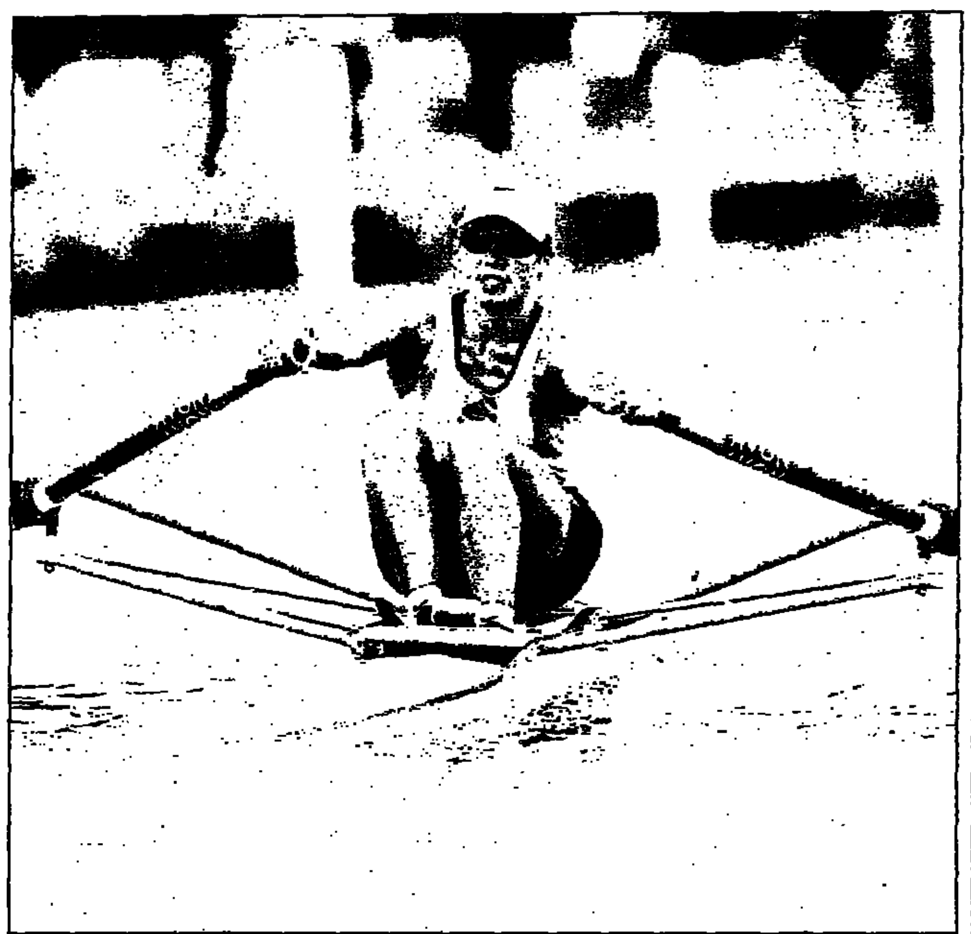
Both Greg Searle, the holder, and Jamie Koven, the world champion from the United States, won their races in the Diamond Sculls yesterday. Koven faces Tristan Pascall, of Australia, today. The American will be wary of the young Australian, who once again overtook his opponent, Alex Wake, at the finish line yesterday.

The first round of the Visitors' fours saw Isis, which comprises four members of the Britain Under-23 eight, beat the Barrier and Fawley records in their win over Nereus, Holland.

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The Galatasaray eight feel the pressure in a losing battle with Trinity College, Dublin in the Ladies' Plate



Garisoain looks comfortable in her second-round victory in the Princess Royal Cup

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Thames Cup
Holders: Nottingham A
Second round
London A bt London B 2¼ lengths, 6min 37sec
Bowbridge BC bt Cambridge 99 RC 1l, 6:34
Nottingham and Union RC bt Black Sheep RC 1½l, 6.48
Nottingham BC bt Kingston RC easily, 6.29
Queens Tower BC bt Thames RC 2½l, 6:47
Commercial RC bt Furnivall Sculling Club 2¾l, 6:40

Princess Elizabeth Cup
Holders: St Paul's
Second round
R M Doyle bt E J Parry easily, 9 12
S K Watts bt A Hollstegge easily, 9.29
Hampton School A bt Abingdon School B 1¾l, 7:02
Westminster School bt King Edward VI School (SA) 2¾l, 6·50
St Mary's Preparatory School (US) bt St Pauls School ½l, 6:29
Eton College bt St Edwards School ½l, 6·31
The Kings School bt Radley College B 4l, 6.46
Abingdon School A bt The Oratory School 2l, 6 42

Wyfold Cup
Holders: Molesey A
Second round
Queens Tower BC A bt Kingston RC ½l, 7·01
Dresden RC B (US) bt Natwest RC 2l, 7·08
Rob Roy BC bt Bowbridge BC ½l, 6 52
Worcester RC bt Molesey BC 1l, 6 58
Clyde Amateur RC bt Stvanger Roklubb (Nor) 3½l, 7.10
Rudergesellschaft (Ger) bt York City RC 2l, 7·05
Star Club bt London Rowing Club B 2¾l, 7 06

Temple Cup
Holders: Goldie
Second round
Durham University B bt Jesus College, Cambridge 1l, 6 48
University of Wales College, Cardiff bt Manchester University 3¾l, 6.55
Columbia University (US) bt Reading University 2½l, 6.37
First and Third Trinity BC, Cambridge bt Isis BC 5l, 6.41
Cambridge University Lwt RC bt Syracuse University (US) ¾l, 6 42
Glasgow University bt St Hild and St Bede College 2¼l, 6:48
Exeter College, Oxford bt University of Warwick ¾l, 7·02
Wesleyan University A (US) bt Oriel College, Oxford easily, 6:40
Williams College (US) bt Nephthys BC 3¾l, 6.41
Newcastle University bt Grand Valley State University (US) 2¼l, 6:39
Imperial College, London bt Oxford University Lwt RC 2¼l, 6:40
Princeton (US) bt University of Natal (SA) 1l, 6.28
Georgetown University (US) bt Leeds University 4½l, 6:40
Edinburgh University bt Oxford Brookes University 3 feet, 6.28

Britannia Cup
Holders: Univ of London
Second round
Edinburgh University A bt Vesta RC B 1l, 7:13
Castle Semple RC bt Edinburgh University B easily, 7.29
Thames Tradesmen's RC bt Kingston University 1½l, 7:12
Marlow RC bt Sheffield University 1½l, 7 15
Neptune RC (Ire) bt London RC A 2¾l, 7·07
Lea RC bt Cambridge '99 RC 1¾l, 7:13

Diamond Sculls
Holders: G M P Searle
Second round
G K Towey bt R J Briscoe 2l, 8·07
A Van Den Broek bt A T Dangerfield 1½l, 8 17
M P Van Der School (Holl) bt J Godoy (Chile) not rowed over, 7·55
A G D Maher (Ire) bt P B Dirks (Holl) 2¼l, 8.11
A T Pascall (Aus) bt A M Wake 1½l, 8 04
G M P Searle bt K R Beatty (Can) easily, 8:02
J W Koven (US) bt P D Thomas easily, 8·04

Ladies Plate
Holders: Notts County and Oxford Brookes Univ
First round
Trinity College Dublin bt Galatasaray Spor Kulubu (Tur) ¼l, 6.25
Dartmouth RC (US) bt Syracuse University (US) ¾l, 6 28

Visitors' Cup
Holders: Oxford Brookes Univ
First round
Imperial College A bt Algemene Amsterdam (Holl) row over, 8 14
Lady Margaret BC and Jesus College, Cambridge bt Edinburgh University 3¾l, 7 14
Isis BC bt Amsterdamsche Studenten (Holl) 1½l, 6 51
Durham University bt Cambridge University 1½l 6 56

Silver goblets and Nickalls' Cup
Holders: R Thatcher and F B Hunt-Davis
First round
G D C R Smith bt T P Terry 2l, 7 33
Rudergemeinschaft Mulheim and Rudergesellschaft Wiking (Ger) bt Deportivo Phoenix (Chile) 2½l, 7 42
Leander Club bt Hrvatski Akademski (Cro) ½l, 7:25
Leander Club bt Oston RC 1½l, 7·37
Queens Tower BC bt University of London 2¾l, 7·43
Oxford Brookes University bt Eton Vikings 5l, 7·31
Club Nautique de Chateau Gontier (Fr) bt Leander Club 4l 7.34
Canottieri Italiani and Club Regatas La Marina 2l, 7 40

Double Sculls
Holders: M D Free and D Free
First round
Commercial RC (Ire) bt Henley RC 1½l, 7·36
Club Aurora (Guatemala) bt Marlow RC 1½l, 7 37
Stourport BC bt Nottingham and Union RC ½l, 7·31
Augusta Sculling Center (US) bt Castle Semple RC and Glasgow RC 1l, 7:10
Penn Athletic Club (US) bt Kingston RC ½l, 7:19
Aviron Marne et Joinville and Cercle Aviron de Nogent (Fr) bt Leander Club and Tideway Scullers School easily, 7:13
Rob Roy BC and Kingston RC bt Isis BC easily, 7 16

Princess Royal Cup
Holder: M H Brandin
Second round
G Douglas (Aus) bt B F M Woolf easily, 8:53
M J Garisoain (Arg) bt C M Hill 2¾l, 8 49
M H Brandin bt D C Gibb easily, 8 45
G Batten bt A L V Van Leemputten easily, 8.43



SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Begin Bridge with *The Times*: Lesson 12 – MiniBridge 7

So far every example hand we have seen has been concerned with 'top tricks', i.e. you just needed to cash your aces, king and queens. In real life this is not what usually happens. Instead, you need to *establish* tricks. This means that you need to force out a high card from an opponent, in order to establish a lower honour card in your own hand. For example, suppose you hold KQ5 of a suit in your hand and 432 in the dummy. There are no tricks to cash in this suit because you do not have the ace. But if you play the king, an opponent will win his ace and your queen will be *established* as a winner.

Here is an example hand:

North: ♠ A 6 5 ♡ 6 5 2 ♢ K Q J 10 9 ♣ 8 6
West: ♠ Q J 10 9 7 ♡ J 8 ♢ A 6 3 2 ♣ K 10
East: ♠ 8 2 ♡ Q 10 9 7 ♢ 8 5 4 ♣ Q 9 7 5
South: ♠ K 4 3 ♡ A K 4 3 ♢ 7 ♣ A J 4 3 2

South is the dealer and the players announce their points as follows: South 15, West 11, North 10, East 4. So, South becomes declarer and North puts down dummy. With 25 points between the two hands the target is nine tricks. With no more than a seven-card fit in any suit, South chooses to play no-trumps.

Before reading further, make up these hands and prepare to play through the hand as you read.

West leads his longest suit, spades, and as it is headed by a *sequence* (three or more consective cards) he leads the top of it, i.e. the queen. South has only five 'top tricks' (two spades, two hearts and one club) but his target is nine tricks so he must first establish four more by playing a diamond. When a defender wins his ace, there will be four established diamond tricks in the dummy.

So, South wins the king of spades in his hand and plays a diamond. West wins the ace and plays another spade. South wins the trick with dummy's ace and plays the queen of diamonds, followed by the jack of diamonds, followed by the ten and nine of diamonds. He discards small cards from his hand and then cashes the ace and king of hearts and ace of clubs to make nine tricks in all.

To learn more from this useful hand, try taking the first trick in dummy with the ace of spades. See what happens when declarer tries to establish the diamond suit. He plays the king of diamonds and West wins his ace and plays another spade as before. There are four diamond winners in the dummy but there is no way to reach them. Dummy has no *entries*. The management of entries can be difficult and is a recurring theme at the table.

☐ If you would like a booklet explaining MiniBridge in greater detail, please write to the EBU, Broadfields, Bicester Road, Aylesbury, Bucks HP19 3BG: tel: 01296 394414, marking the envelope 'Times MiniBridge'.



KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Kramnik's revenge

Ironically, having utterly failed to win any games against Alexei Shirov in the world qualifying match last month, Russian grandmaster Vladimir Kramnik won against Shirov in their game in Dortmund. Kramnik now shares the lead on 3½/5 with Peter Leko of Hungary, while Shirov languishes in last place with 1. Michael Adams, of Great Britain, is well placed with 3.

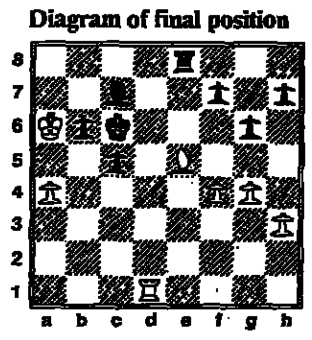
White: Alexei Shirov
Black: Vladimir Kramnik
Dortmund 1998

Nimzo-Indian Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	e6
3	Nc3	Bb4
4	e3	0-0
5	Nge2	d5
6	a3	Be7
7	Nf4	c6
8	Bd3	dxc4
9	Bxc4	Nbd7
10	Qc2	e5
11	Nfe2	exd4
12	Nxd4	Ne5
13	Be2	Bc5
14	Nf5	g6
15	Ng3	Bg4
16	0-0	Bxe2
17	Ncxe2	Qe7
18	b3	Rad8
19	Bb2	Rfe8
20	Nd4	Bd6
21	h3	Ned7
22	Nge2	Qe4
23	Rac1	Qxc2
24	Rxc2	Be5
25	Bc1	Ne4
26	b4	Nb6
27	Nb3	Rd3
28	Na5	Re7
29	g4	Nd6
30	Kg2	Nb5
31	Ra2	Nd5
32	Nc4	Bf6
33	Rd2	Rxd2
34	Nxd2	b6
35	Kf3	Bg7
36	Ne4	Kf8
37	a4	Nbc3
38	N2xc3	Nxc3
39	Nxc3	Bxc3
40	Ba3	Re6
41	Rc1	Bf6
42	b5+	c5
43	Rc4	Rd6
44	Ke2	Be7
45	Bb2	Rd7
46	Bc3	a6
47	bxa6	Ra7
48	Kd3	Rxa6
49	Ke4	Ra7
50	Kd5	Rd7+
51	Kc6	Rd6+
52	Kc7	Re6
53	e4	Ke8
54	e5	Bd8+
55	Kc8	Re7
56	f4	Rc7+
57	Kb8	Kd7
58	e6+	Kxe6
59	Re4+	Kd7
60	Be5	Rc6
61	Ka7	Re6
62	Re1	Kc6
63	Rd1	Bc7
64	Ka6	Re8

White resigns

Diagram of final position



Staunton remembered

The annual summer celebration by the Staunton Society in honour of Howard Staunton, the only British player who could ever have claimed to be world champion, takes place at the Athenaeum, London on the evening of Tuesday July 7. Guest speaker will be Professor George Steiner. Those interested in attending should contact Brian Clivaz on 0171-467 5406.

Times final

Today, the final of *The Times* British Schools Championship takes place at London's Tower Thistle Hotel. There will be a full report on Monday.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

TURBA
a. A legionary horn
b. A BA in Turkish
c. The oratorio crowd

VISKING
a. A female Viking
b. A sausage case
c. Gossiping

WISHRAM
a. A wigwam
b. An Amerindian
c. A waterproof cloth

SEA MONKEY
a. A heraldic beast
b. A midshipman
c. A kelper

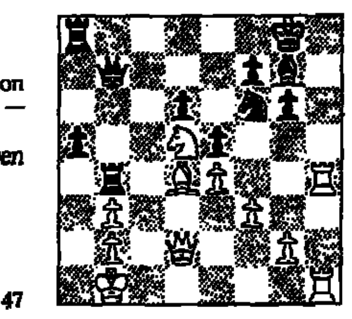
Answers on page 47

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Kronke — Schroder, Germany, 1988.

How did White use the open h-file to dramatic effect?



Solution on page 47

WEDNESDAY'S LATE RACING

Yarmouth

Going: good

6.25 (1m 3f 101yd) 1, Kadaka (R Ffrench, 8-11 fav); 2, Didifon (3-1); 3, Agnor (16-1). 7 ran. NR: The Bat. Nk, 2½l. L Cumani. Tote: £1.60; £1.30, £1.40. DF: £2.20. CSF: £2.91.

6.55 (1m 3yd) 1, Hugwity (N Day, 11-2); 2, Shining Cloud (16-1); 3, Safey Ana (3-1 jt-fav). Samara One 3-1 jt-fav. 9 ran. 1l, 1¾l. G Bravery. Tote: £5.70; £1.50, £2.30, £1.90. DF: £70.70. Trio: £33.60. CSF: £79.10. Tricast: £283.27.

7.25 (7f 3yd) 1, Fritton (D Biggs, 10-1); 2, Peaceful Sarah (5-1); 3, Fire Goddess (7-1). Fen Warrior 3-1 fav. 14 ran. NR: Caprioara. ¾l, nk. M Tompkins. Tote: £11.90; £3.10, £1.60, £2.00. DF: £32.10. Trio: £40.60. CSF: £56.06.

7.55 (7f 3yd) 1, Moonstone (D O'Donohoe, 9-1); 2, Newala (16-1); 3, Summer Queen (7-2). Gymcrak Flyer (4th) 6-4 fav. 7 ran. ¾l, 1¾l. A Jarvis. Tote: £13.30; £6.70, £7.70. DF: £48.90. CSF: £114.81.

8.25 (6f 3yd) 1, Cubism (R Hills, 6-1); 2, Pepperdine (4-1); 3, Serpentine (5-4 fav). 7 ran. 2½l, 1½l. J Hills. Tote: £6.70; £3.70, £2.10. DF: £11.10. CSF: £24.04.

8.55 (1m 6f 17yd) 1, Cheek To Cheek (W Ryan, 7-2); 2, Benjamin Frank (11-10 fav); 3, Cromer Pier (4-1). 5 ran. 2½l, 6l. C Cyzer. Tote: £3.80; £2.10, £1.10. DF: £2.90. CSF: £7.46.

Placepot: £1,089.10.
Quadpot: £121.00.

Kempton Park

Going: good to soft

6.40 (7f) 1, Wince (K Fallon, 8-13 fav); 2, Born Free (5-1); 3, Bella Loupa (33-1). 7 ran. 1l, 3½l. H Cecil. Tote: £1.60; £1.20, £2.20. DF: £2.90. CSF: £4.04.

7.10 (1m 2f) 1, Rajaiyma (O Urbina, 10-1); 2, Search Party (7-2); 3, Bluebelle (5-2 fav). 8 ran. 1½l, 1¾l. L Cumani. Tote: £11.30; £2.00, £1.70. DF: £13.20. CSF: £41.00.

7.40 (1m) 1, Tadwiga (J Reid, 2-5 fav); 2, Pure Gold (8-1); 3, Ascot Cyclone (11-2). 4 ran. 2l, ½l. R Hannon. Tote: £1.50. DF: £2.40. CSF: £3.65.

8.10 (1m 2f) 1, Happy Valentine (L Dettori, 10-1); 2, Fruits of Love (15-2); 3, Royal Amaretto (10-1). Future Perfect 6-1 co-fav. 10 ran. 1½l, ¾l. Saeed bin Suroor. Tote: £10.70; £2.60, £2.70, £2.90. DF: £54.20. Trio: £266.40. CSF: £74.79.

8.40 (7f) 1, Amber Fort (N Pollard, 7-2 fav); 2, Mullitover (13-2); 3, Zurs (6-1). 14 ran. 2l, 1½l. D Elsworth. Tote: £3.80; £2.10, £2.50, £2.50. DF: £11.80. Trio: £44.60. CSF: £20.23. Tricast: £127.04.

9.10 (1m 4f) 1, Salamah (Pat Eddery, 11-4 fav); 2, Bryony Brind (9-2); 3, Court Shareef (100-30). 8 ran. 1¾l, 3½l. R Charlton. Tote: £3.40; £1.80, £1.40. £1.70. DF: £7.10. CSF: £14.09. Tricast: £38.08.

Placepot: £39.90.
Quadpot: £35.50.

☐ Neil Pollard and Wai Kan were taken to hospital after being injured in separate falls in the Nivo Group Apprentices' Handicap at Haydock Park yesterday. Although Pollard was stood down for seven days, both he and Wai Kan, who was unseated after winning the race on Nervous Rex, were later reported "fine" by a hospital spokeswoman.

☐ Central Park, Godolphin's third string for the Coral-Eclipse Stakes at Sandown tomorrow after Daylami and Faithful Son, was yesterday backed at long odds with the sponsor. He is quoted at 25-1.

☐ Nuclear Debate is Coral's clear favourite for the Stewards' Cup at Goodwood on August 1 after sustained support yesterday. The Lynda Ramsden-trained son of Geiger Counter, who landed the Gosforth Park Cup at Newcastle, is the firm's 14-1 market leader.

RACING RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Haydock Park

Going: good to soft

2.10 (6f) 1, Big Al (Dane O Neill, 9-4 jt-fav); 2, Haceca (5-1); 3, Trina's Pet (4-1). Done And Dusted 9-4 jt-fav. 9 ran. NR: Kissimmee Bay. 3½l, 1¾l. R Hannon. Trio: £17.70.

2.40 (7f 30yd) 1, Nervous Rex (Wai Kan, 11-1); 2, Gablesea (9-1); 3, Italian Symphony (9-1). Feel No Fear 11-4 fav. 14 ran. 1¼l, 1½l. D Nicholls. Tote: £9.70; £2.80, £3.60, £2.30. DF: £82.40. Trio: £353.60. CSF: £103.57. Tricast: £889.67.

3.10 (7f 30yd) 1, Rainald (G Hind, 6-1); 2, Wigging (11-4); 3, Wajori (5-2 fav). 9 ran. NR: Grand Slam. 2½l, 4l. J Gosden. Tote: £6.60; £3.10, £1.10, £1.50. DF: £12.60. Trio: £8.40. CSF: £21.92.

3.40 (6f) 1, Prince Dome (A Whelan, 9-1); 2, Unshaken (10-1); 3, Stylish Ways (10-1); 4, Bee Health Boy (8-1). Night Flight 4-1 fav. 17 ran. NR: Sharp Stock. ¾l, sh hd. M Wane. Tote: £11.60; £2.50, £3.00, £1.90, £2.20. DF: £56.30. Trio: £84.60. CSF: £88.48. Tricast: £854.43.

4.10 (1m 6f) 1, Tarashaan (G Duffield, 2-5 fav; Thunderer's nap); 2, Operatic (10-1); 3, Risky Girl (7-1). 4 ran. 4l, 5l. M Prescott. Tote: £1.40. DF: £2.70. CSF: £4.74.

4.40 (1m 3f 200yd) 1, Clued Up (J F Egan, 6-1); 2, Mannequin (13-8 fav); 3, Malella (2-1). 4 ran. Nk, 3l. P Evans. Tote: £5.40. DF: £4.90. CSF: £14.59.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £5,113.75 carried forward to Sandown Park today).

Placepot: £363.40. Quadpot: £26.70.

Catterick

Going: good (good to firm in places)

2.20 (5f) 1, Yorkshire Grit (Dean McKeown, 7-1); 2, Ladycake (evens fav); 3, Go Sally Go (8-1). 6 ran. NR: Risky Experience, Unlikely Lady. Sh hd, 1¾l. R Whitaker. Tote: £9.20; £2.10, £1.70. DF: £6.30. CSF: £14.30.

2.50 (1m 7f 177yd) 1, Sandbaggedagain (S Finnamore, 6-1); 2, Maftun (8-1); 3, Old Red (3-1 fav). 9 ran. NR: Noufan, Tancred Mischief. 1l, 1¾l. M W Easterby. Tote: £6.30; £1.70, £2.50, £2.10. DF: £22.30. Trio: £25.50. CSF: £51.50. Tricast: £160.65.

3.20 (7f) 1, Daryabad (R Cochrane, 4-1); 2, Finisterre (3-1 fav); 3, White Settler (9-2). 8 ran. 2l, 1½l. R McGhin. Tote: £5.10; £1.90, £1.70, £1.80. DF: £11.10. CSF: £16.12.

3.50 (7f) 1, Bollin Ethos (L Charnock, 8-1); 2, Erro Codigo (10-1); 3, Three Angels (9-4 fav). 15 ran. ½l, 1¾l. T Easterby. Tote: £11.90; £2.60, £2.70, £2.00. DF: £39.30. Trio: £22.80. CSF: £76.67. Tricast: £229.59.

4.20 (1m 5f 175yd) 1, Younico (Dean McKeown, 9-2); 2, Chocolate Box (4-7 fav); 3, Ruby Bear (6-1). 6 ran. 3½l, 16l. M Johnston. Tote: £5.80; £1.50, £1.30. DF: £2.70. CSF: £7.54.

4.50 (5f 212yd) 1, Empire State (A Nicholls, 7-2); 2, Penniless (10-1); 3, Haybumer (7-1). Tancred Times 5-2 fav. 12 ran. ½l, nk. M Tompkins. Tote: £4.70; £1.70, £3.60, £2.50. DF: £39.30. Trio: £178.00. CSF: £38.87. Tricast: £228.35.

Placepot: £54.70. Quadpot: £24.10.

Yarmouth

Going: good

2.00 (6f 3yd) 1, Dolly Day Dream (Martin Dwyer, 7-4 jt-fav); 2, Lively Jacq (14-1); 3, Patony (7-4 jt-fav). 5 ran. 2½l, 3l. R Ivory. Tote: £2.10; £1.50, £3.60. DF: £11.90. CSF: £21.46.

2.30 (6f 3yd) 1, Ice Age (D Biggs, 10-1); 2, For The Present (7-2 fav); 3, Sea-Deer (5-1). 12 ran. Hd, 4l. R Williams. Tote: £15.90; £3.20, £1.80, £1.80. DF: £21.50. Trio: £51.10. CSF: £40.85. Tricast: £188.53.

3.00 (7f 3yd) 1, Among Men (M J Kinane, 2-7 fav); 2, Igreja (9-2); 3, Baltic State (9-1). 4 ran. 1¾l, 2½l. M Stoute. Tote: £1.20. DF: £1.60. CSF: £1.65.

3.30 (7f 3yd) 1, Raise A Grand (G Carter, 11-8 jt-fav, Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Society Snoop (11-8 jt-fav); 3, Sergeant York (8-1). 5 ran. 2l, 1½l. J Payne. Tote: £2.60; £1.40, £1.10. DF: £1.60. CSF: £3.17.

4.00 (1m 3yd) 1, Senor Hurst (R Perham, 33-1); 2, Mr Rough (16-1); 3, Sallan (8-1). Mr Majica 11-8 fav. 20 ran. 1¾l, 2l. Mrs P Sly. Tote: £53.40; £6.20, £7.90, £3.00. DF: £1,416.70. Trio: not won (pool of £845.19 carried forward to 3.10 Sandown Park today). CSF: £468.52.

4.30 (1m 2f 21yd) 1, Elba Magic (Miss E Ramsden, 6-4 fav); 2, Polar Champ (8-1); 3, Iron Mountain (7-2). 8 ran. ½l, nk. C Dwyer. Tote: £2.50; £1.50, £2.60, £1.10. DF: £10.30. CSF: £15.32. Tricast: £37.11.

Placepot: £121.30. Quadpot: £42.00.

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THUNDERER
2.10 Kinsford Rose. 2.45 Change The Reign. 3.20 Newton Mist. 3.50 Sun Alert. 4.20 Sombreffe. 4.50 Out Ranking. 5.20 Mite Equal.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) SIS

2.10 HOLIDAY TIME MAIDEN HURDLE
(Div I: £1,469: 2m 1f 110yd) (11 runners)

1 410- ARMS BAN 97 (P) Mrs L Jewell 5-10-13 — B Powell
2 F-P4 GRANHAM PRIDE 13 (B,D,S) M Bielby 8-10-13 — E Callaghan
3 03- REVERSE CHARGE 44 G A Harker 6-10-13 — F Leahy (3)
4 0 RINUS MAGIC 29 M Todhunter 5-10-13 — B Harding
5 40-5 SHINING EXAMPLE 9F J J O'Neill 6-10-13 — L Cooper (7)
6 0-P TRAPPER NORMAN 13 C Smith 6-10-13 — M Ranger
7 6 RAKE HEY 23 S Mellor 4-10-10 — C Webb
8 305- SCARROTS 76 S Gollings 4-10-10 — D Gallagher
9 00-3 KINSFORD ROSE 13 (BF,G,S) M Pipe 5-10-8 — A P McCoy
10 3-56 LADY PENDRAGON 13 N Smith 9-10-8 — D Creech (7)
11 0-6 ROSE FLYER 21 M Chapman 8-10-8 — W Worthington

5-2 Kinsford Rose, 3-1 Scarrots, 7-2 Reverse Charge, 6-1 Shining Example, 8-1 Rake Hey, 12-1 Arms Ban, 14-1 others.

2.45 DEREK CHARLES AUDI HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,231: 3m 1f) (12)

1 P6-P SASKIA'S HERO 20 (F,G,S) J Hetherton 11-12-0 — D Byrne
2 P6-5 MR JAMBOREE 27 (C,F,G) I Williams 12-11-12 — C Llewellyn
3 1-P3 NOVA CHAMP 13 (D,F,G) Mrs S Smith 10-11-9 — G F Ryan (3)
4 43P- OH SO HANDY 14F (B,D,F,G,S) R Curtis 10-11-7 — J Leech
5 03-5 CHANGE THE REIGN 21 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs A E Johnson 11-11-7 — R Johnson
6 24-2 NOW YOUNG MAN 28 (D,F,G) L Lungo 9-11-2 — R Supple
7 P-43 SUPPOSIN 7 (D,F,G,S) Mrs S Smith 10-11-2 — D J Moffatt
8 234- MISCHIEVOUS GIRL 38 (F) R Tate 10-10-5 — Mrs F Needham
9 /4-5 MR REINER 20 (F,G,S) J Wade 10-10-5 — E Callaghan
10 6-R6 MOZEMO 13 (F,G,S) M Pipe 11-10-4 — C Maude
11 42-0 TEMPLE GARTH 13 (D,F,G,S) P Beaumont 9-10-1 — B Grattan (5)
12 418- CRAIGSTOWN 34 (F,S) Mrs J Barr 10-10-0 — N Smith

3-1 Now Young Man, 4-1 Nova Champ, 6-1 Change The Reign, 7-1 Oh So Handy, Supposin, 10-1 Mr Reiner, 12-1 Mozemo, 14-1 others.

3.20 BUSINESS NETWORK NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,322: 2m 4f) (14)

1 -213 INFLUENCE PEDLER 13 (BF,D,F,G) Miss K George 5-12-0 — R Massey (3)
2 P-3P GRATE DEEL 13 (B,F) E Weymes 8-11-8 — N Williamson
3 P1-P INTO THE SWING 27 (F,S) Mrs M Jones 9-11-4 — C Llewellyn
4 5F-P TEEJAY'N'AITCH 14F (BF,F,G,S) J Goldie 6-11-0 — R McGrath (3)
5 64-3 VINTAGE TAITTINGER 4F (D,F,G) J Goldie 6-10-13 — S Taylor (5)
6 FF4- NOBLE NORMAN 44 (D,G) Mrs M Reveley 7-10-8 — G Lee
7 2P-0 NEWTON MIST 6 Mrs S Smith 7-10-5 — G F Ryan (3)
8 550- ROYAL CIRCUS 8F (D,F,G) P Hiatt 9-10-4 — E Husband (3)
9 083- MY BUSTER 39 Miss K Milligan 6-10-3 — R Supple
10 -3d1 RINUS MAJOR 13 (BF) M Todhunter 7-10-2 — B Harding
11 42-P THIRTY BELOW 13 (F) M Chapman 9-10-0 — W Worthington
12 RF-R REALLY USEFUL 28 M Todhunter 6-10-0 — S Durack (3)
13 00-6 GAVASKAR 20 (F) A Streeter 9-10-0 — T Eley
14 P4-P SOMERBY 20 (F,G) I Park 11-10-0 — L O'Hara

7-2 Newton Mist, 5-1 Influence Pedler, 6-1 Teejay'n'aitch, Noble Norman, 8-1 Into The Swing, Vintage Taittinger, 10-1 Grate Deel, 12-1 others.

3.50 DEREK CHARLES AUDI HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,804: 3m) (5)

1 13P- LOCHNAGRAIN 34 (B,C,D,F,G,S) H Daly 10-12-0 — R Johnson
2 212- SUN ALERT 14F (G,S) M Polglase 4-11-2 — R Thornton
3 333- MOONLIGHT AIR 36 (G) J Spearing 7-10-12 — A P McCoy
4 63-2 MASTER HYDE 29 (F,G) J Goldie 9-10-0 — R McGrath (3)
5 P4-0 DONT FORGET CURTIS 29 (G) Mis Lamb 6-10-0 — Miss S Lamb (7)

2-1 Sun Alert, 5-2 Moonlight Air, 3-1 Master Hyde, 5-1 Lochnagrain, 12-1 Dont Forget Curtis.

4.20 PAY AND PLAY GOLF NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,192: 2m 5f 110yd) (8)

1 1-31 SISTER ROSE 7 (F,G) S Gollings 7-11-7 — D Gallagher
2 52-1 CHARNWOOD JACK 8F (F) M Todhunter 5-11-5 — L Wyer
3 1-31 SOMBREFFE 7 (G,S) M Pipe 4-11-2 — A P McCoy
4 0- MR SUNNY 221 J Hetherton 9-10-12 — R Johnson
5 0-32 REGAL EAGLE 20 E W Tuer 5-10-12 — N Williamson
6 /PP- SIRRAH ARIS 96P (F,G) R Curtis 7-10-12 — J Leech
7 4/P- SKYLIGHT 46F Miss K Milligan 5-10-12 — F Leahy (3)
8 245- WHAT A FIDDLER 37 T Tate 5-10-12 — R Garritty

4-6 Sombreffe, 4-1 Charnwood Jack, 5-1 Sister Rose, 8-1 others.

4.50 ANDREW STEPHENSON BIRTHDAY HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,129: 2m 1f 110yd) (12)

1 4-63 NON VINTAGE 13 (CD,G,S) M Chapman 7-12-0 — W Worthington
2 521- SHAHRANI 53 (CD,F) M Chapman 6-11-4 — B Powell
3 334- OUT RANKING 39 (D,F,G,S) M Pipe 6-11-1 — A P McCoy
4 F43- IRIE MON 16F (CD,F,G) Mrs S Lamyman 6-11-0 — N Williamson
5 21-2 SANDABAR 21 (BF,F) Mrs M Reveley 5-10-11 — G Lee
6 83-1 BOB'S PLOY 21 (CD,G) Mrs J Brown 6-10-4 — E Callaghan
7 P0-2 ERINY 14 (F) J J Quinn 9-10-2 — L Wyer
8 4-51 MADGE MCSPLASH 14 (S) J Jefferson 6-10-1 — B Harding
9 511- KIERCHEM 39 (F,G,S) C Grant 7-10-1 — R Supple
10 433- RUPPLES 34 (CD,F,G) M Chapman 11-10-0 — Sophie Mitchell
11 010- PRIDDY FAIR 39 (F,G) D Barker 5-10-0 — F Leahy (3)
12 000- EMERALD VENTURE 35 (F) F Coton 11-10-0 — L Suthern (7)

3-1 Sandabar, 6-1 Out Ranking, Kierchem, 7-1 Madge McSplash, 8-1 Irie Mon, Eriny, 10-1 Non Vintage, Bob's Ploy, 12-1 others.

5.20 HOLIDAY TIME MAIDEN HURDLE
(Div II: £1,461: 2m 1f 110yd) (11)

1 P-P0 CHUCKLES 5 Miss D Smith 8-10-13 — J Goldstein (5)
2 50/ EUROBOX BOY 14F A Jarvis 5-10-13 — R Johnson
3 004- MITE EQUAL 34 (D,F) M Pipe 5-10-13 — A P McCoy
4 50-0 RUBISLAW 20 Mrs R Lamb 6-10-13 — Miss S Lamb (7)
5 3/R- SAILORMAITE 94F S Bowring 7-10-13 — R Bentley
6 D- GADROON 9F V Thompson 4-10-10 — Mr M Thompson
7 24-3 SPARKY 21 (B,BF) M W Easterby 4-10-10 — N Williamson
8 6-0 THE DEEJAY 21 Mrs M Jones 4-10-10 — C Llewellyn
9 0 ANNEKA LOUISE 13 F Jackson 4-10-5 — Mr N Kent
10 650- COCHITI 34 P Hiatt 4-10-5 — E Husband (3)
11 GYMCRAK GORJOS 16F (B) G Holmes 4-10-5 — L Wyer

6-4 Sparky, 9-4 Mite Equal, 7-1 Sailormaite, 8-1 The Deejay, 14-1 Eurobox Boy, 16-1 Gymcrak Gorjos, 20-1 Cochiti, 25-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 16 winners from 74 runners, 21.6%; J Jefferson, 7 from 33, 21.2%; Mrs M Reveley, 20 from 96, 20.8%; P Beaumont, 9 from 49, 18.4%; Mrs S Lamyman, 4 from 22, 18.2%.

JOCKEYS: A P McCoy, 17 winners from 53 rides, 32.1%; N Williamson, 21 from 86, 24.4%; R Johnson, 15 from 70, 21.4%; C Llewellyn, 5 from 25, 20.0%; L Wyer, 17 from 87, 19.5%.

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RACING

Greek Palace can underline merit of Ascot triumph

BY RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT



THE form of Royal Ascot races, especially handicaps with big fields, usually works out well but rarely to the degree witnessed this year. The Britannia, Ascot Stakes, Royal Hunt Cup and Wokingham have already produced more than their share of winners and the royal meeting could hold the key to the valuable Hong Kong Jockey Club Trophy at Sandown Park this afternoon.

Of all the Ascot handicap winners, none was more impressive than Greek Palace, who could be named the winner of the Bessborough some way from home as Walter Swinburn sat motionless on the Sir Michael Stoute-trained colt. After cruising into the home straight, he defeated the challenge of the heavily backed Sabadilla with a six-length gap to the third. The time performance of the winner was particularly noteworthy.

Not surprisingly, the official handicapper was sufficiently impressed to raise Greek Palace by 12lb to a rating of 110. However, the early closing date for today's £60,000-added contest means that the four-year-old son of Royal Academy only has a 4lb penalty for his Royal Ascot success and runs off 102. In effect, he is a group-class horse running in his last handicap.

The slight concern is the step back in distance from twelve furlongs to ten. However, given the way he travelled at Ascot, Greek Palace is certainly not lacking in pace and he has been blessed with a plum draw in stall 20. "We like him and I was pleased with the way he ran at Ascot," Stoute said yesterday. "He travels well and I am not too bothered about coming back in distance. I think he is effective at ten or twelve furlongs."

Lear Spear, beaten only three lengths in the Britannia Handicap, has excellent claims judged on that effort but the David Elsworth-trained maiden is out of a sprinter so there must be doubts about him getting this trip — and he is not well drawn. Shaska, a course and distance winner who made an encouraging seasonal reappearance recently behind Premier Generation appeals as a bigger danger — along with the progressive Shadoof and Atlantic Desire.


Stoute: pleased

Dashiba has shaped encouragingly on both her starts, notably when third to Rhapsodist in the Chesham Stakes, and a reproduction of that effort should see her get off the mark in the HSBC Trophy (2.05).

Four of the five runners in the Sino Group Dragon Trophy (2.35) ran at Royal Ascot last time and Saphire has claims in a tight contest. She finished third to the impressive Flanders in the Windsor Castle Stakes and, more significantly, was a neck behind Sarson, but reopposes her on 4lb better terms.

However, it could be worth taking a risk that **Atlantic Destiny** will bounce back to the form which saw her beat Guinea Hunter, a subsequent winner, at York on her debut in May. She later had a demanding race at Epsom when duelling for the lead before finishing second to Lady Angharad, and probably was feeling the effect of those exertions when failing in the Queen Mary Stakes.

On his seasonal reappearance at Newmarket's Craven meeting, **Mubrik** was fancied to win but found one too good in Diktat. With the winner going on to land the Jersey Stakes, John Gosden's runner was hardly disgraced and he went on to win a maiden at Thirsk last month with plenty in hand. That should have done his confidence no harm and he can defy top weight in the Sing Tao Trophy (3.45).

SANDOWN PARK

THUNDERER

2.05 Dashiba. 2.35 Atlantic Destiny. 3.10 Shaska. 3.45 Silversmith. 4.15 Gedy Red. 4.45 **POETRY IN MOTION** (nap).

Timekeeper's top rating: 3.10 **GREEK PALACE.**

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.10 Greek Palace. 3.45 **MUBRIK** (nap). 4.15 Ivory Crown.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. Timekeeper's speed rating.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) TOTE JACKPOT MEETING
DRAW. NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.05 HSBC TROPHY CONDITIONS STAKES (C4)
(2-Y-O: £6,398: 7f 16yd) (4 runners)

101 (2) 01 GOLD RUSH 13 (D,F) (G Reed) B Hills 9-1 ... M Hills 80
102 (1) 532 MENSA 9 (Mrs B Lockey) M Tompkins 8-11 ... D Biggs 79
103 (3) DEPLOY VENTURE (Dr F Chao) S Woods 8-8 ... N Day —
104 (4) 33 DASHIBA 15 (J Smith) D Elsworth 8-6 ... Pat Eddery 108

BETTING: 4-5 Dashiba, 11-4 Gold Rush, 7-2 Mensa, 16-1 Deploy Venture.

1997: MUHTATHIR 9-1 R Hills (1-2 fav) J Gosden 4 ran

FORM FOCUS Gold Rush beat High Regard 1l in 7-runner 2yo maiden stakes at Ayr (7f, good to firm). Mensa 1¼l 2nd of 11 to Guinea Hunter in 2yo maiden stakes at Carlisle (5f 207yd, good to soft). Deploy Venture Deploy colt, third foal of a mare whose first two were winning juveniles. Dashiba ½l 3rd of 10 to Rhapsodist in 2yo stakes (listed) at Ascot (7f, soft).

DASHIBA is the clear form pick on Ascot running

2.35 SINO GROUP DRAGON TROPHY (C4)
(Listed race: 2-Y-O: £10,309: 5f 6yd) (6 runners)

201 (4) 1310 CHAMPAGNE RIDER 17 (D,G,S) (Highgrove Dev Ltd) K McAuliffe 9-1 ... J Reid 89
202 (5) 120 DRAMATIZE 14 (D,G) (N Attenborough) B Meehan 8-12 ... Pat Eddery 96
203 (1) 222 SARSON 14 (R Tooth) R Hannon 8-12 ... Dane O'Neill 98
204 (2) 120 ATLANTIC DESTINY 16 (G) (Atlantic Racing Ltd) M Johnston 8-7 ... D Holland 108
205 (6) 200113 SAPHIRE 14 (D,S) (Mrs M Rogers) C Booth 8-7 ... A Culhane 101
206 (3) 16311 SNAP CRACKER 9 (CD,S) (J Miller) M Quinn 8-7 ... F Norton 107

BETTING: 5-2 Sarson, 3-1 Saphire, 7-2 Atlantic Destiny, 11-2 Champagne Rider, 8-1 Dramatize, Snap Cracker.

1997: BODYGUARD 9-3 T Quinn (6-5) P Cole 3 ran

FORM FOCUS Champagne Rider 8l 10th of 17 to Red Sea in group III at Ascot (6f, good to soft); previously beat Pas De Probleme 2½l in 7-runner stakes at Kempton (6f, good). Sarson 2½l 2nd of 14 to Flanders in stakes at Ascot (5f, good to soft) with Saphire (4lb better off) 2¾l 3rd and Dramatize (levels) 9½l 12th. Atlantic Destiny 13l 12th of 17 to Bint Allayl in group III at Ascot (5f, good). Snap Cracker beat Bon Ami ½l in 9-runner novice stakes at Chester (5f, good to soft).

ATLANTIC DESTINY is better than Ascot form suggests

3.10 HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB TROPHY [SHOWCASE RACE] (C4)
(Handicap: £51,650: 1m 2f 7yd) (20 runners)

301 (6) 2130-62 WINTER ROMANCE 13 (D,S) (M al-Maktoum) E Dunlop 5-9-10 ... M Hills 105
302 (9) 14250-0 SHEER DANZIG 50 (CD,F,G) (R Arculli) R Armstrong 6-9-9 ... R Hills 101
303 (20) 331-01 GREEK PALACE 16 (D,F,S) (Lord Weinstock) M Stoute 4-9-8 (4ex) W R Swinburn 139
304 (11) 6-43150 PRINCE OF DENIAL 13 (D,F,G,S) (J Guikin) D Arbuthnot 4-9-6 ... J Reid 128
305 (13) 30-1561 HUNTERS OF BRORA 8 (F,G,S) (R Gibbons) J Bethell 8-9-5 (4ex) ... J Weaver 128
306 (16) 0-02460 PRESENT ARMS 16 (B,D,F,S) (H R H Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 5-9-4 T Quinn 130
307 (15) 0-20406 PUNISHMENT 22 (D,F,G,S) (A Richards) J E Hammond (Fr) 7-8-13 ... W Ryan 116
308 (8) 00311-0 ATLANTIC DESIRE 5 (D,F,G,S) (Atlantic Racing) M Johnston 4-8-13 ... D Holland 107
309 (3) 000-220 GENEROUS LIBRA 16 (F) (W Said) J Dunlop 4-8-12 ... L Dettori 111
310 (12) -005441 ANOTHER TIME 13 (D,F,G) (D Sullivan) S Woods 6-8-11 (4ex) ... Pat Eddery 134
311 (4) 640-511 SHADOOF 27 (D,F,G) (Mrs H Levy) W Muir 4-8-9 ... Martin Dwyer 129
312 (10) 1245/3/ ALKATEB 629 (C,F) (Miss L Vollaro) Miss G Kelleway 6-8-8 ... P Robinson —
313 (19) 0355-31 YAVANA'S PACE 35 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs J Keaney) M Johnston 6-8-8 ... W Lal (5) 119
314 (1) 1-15503 TOPATORI 5 (F,S) (M Bowring) M Tompkins 4-8-3 ... A Nicholls (7) 130
315 (14) -006004 ZUGUDI 8 (F) (Sheik A Al Sabah) K Mahdi 4-8-2 ... G Carter 126
316 (7) 612-3 SHASKA 11 (BF,CD,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-8-2 ... R Ffrench 132
317 (18) 010-333 FAHS 14 (CD,G) (City Industrial Supplies Ltd) G Lewis 6-8-0 ... A McCarthy (3) 127
318 (2) 633-020 LEAR SPEAR 17 (R Tooth) D Elsworth 3-7-13 ... — 129
319 (5) 501-32 GYPSY PASSION 7 (G) (P Savill) M Johnston 3-7-13 ... J Quinn 116
320 (17) 0010255 STONE RIDGE 14 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs C Harrington) R Hannon 6-7-13 D O'Donohoe 122

BETTING: 2-1 Greek Palace, 5-1 Shaska, 12-1 Generous Libra, Winter Romance, 14-1 Lear Spear, 16-1 Another Time, Hunters Of Brora, Shadoof, 20-1 Yavana's Pace, Topatori, 25-1 others.

1997: HAWKSLEY HILL 4-9-1 J Fortune (10-1) Mrs J Ramsden 18 ran

FORM FOCUS Greek Palace beat Sabadilla 1¼l in 20-runner handicap at Ascot (1m 4f, good to soft) with Present Arms (4lb better off) 14l 7th and Generous Libra (4lb better off) 18l 9th. Hunters Of Brora beat Digitalize 2l in 7-runner fillies stakes at Newcastle (1m 3yd, good). Punishment 5l 6th of 18 to Tchirpan in handicap at Chantilly (1m 2f, good). Atlantic Desire 7¾l 7th of 10 to Labeq in handicap at Doncaster (1m 2f 60yd, good). Another Time beat Winter Romance (4lb better off) neck in handicap at Ascot (1m 2f, good) with Prince Of Denial (4lb better off) 7¾l 10th. Shadoof beat Future Perfect neck in 14-runner handicap at Epsom (1m 2f, good) with Fahs (5lb better off) 3¼l 3rd and Another Time (3lb better off) 4½l 4th. Alkateb 3¾l 3rd of 8 to Proper Blue in handicap at Ascot (1m 2f, good to soft). Yavana's Pace beat Begorrat 1½l in 9-runner handicap at Ayr (1m 2f, firm). Topatori 3¼l 3rd of 20 to Pantar in handicap at Goodwood (1m, good to firm). Zugudi 2¼l 4th of 18 to Warning Reef in handicap at Carlisle (1m 4f, good to soft). Shaska ½l 2nd of 13 to Premier Generation in handicap at Nottingham (1m 2f, good). Fahs 2¼l 3rd of 8 to Travelmate in handicap at Newmarket (1m 4f, good). Lear Spear 3¼l 8th of 31 to Plan-B in handicap at Ascot (1m, good to soft). Gypsy Passion sh hd 2nd of 4 to Exit To Somewhere in stakes at Newcastle (1m 2f, good). Stone Ridge 8½l 5th to Royal Legend in handicap at Goodwood (1m 1f 192yd, good).

GREEK PALACE has an outstanding chance on his Ascot form

3.45 SING TAO TROPHY HANDICAP (C4)
(3-Y-O: £7,425: 7f 16yd) (14 runners)

401 (3) 1623-00 ATLANTIC VIKING 20 (F) (Atlantic Racing Ltd) M Johnston 9-7 ... D Holland 90
402 (10) 43-21 MUBRIK 17 (D,S) (H al-Maktoum) J Gosden 9-7 ... R Hills 108
403 (14) 640020- BATSWING 252 (S) (R Wilkers) B Millman 9-4 ... T Sprake 98
404 (2) 01-2400 GURKHA 17 (S) (R Russell, Aston House Stud & J Wilkey) R Hannon 9-4 J Reid 94
405 (11) 4451-40 STONE OF DESTINY 28 (D,G) (P Heatty) B Meehan 9-4 ... K Fallon 89
406 (9) 26-2154 HEVER GOLF RANGER 31 (G) (Hever Racing Club) T Naughton 9-4 Pat Eddery 93
407 (4) 0-32 RAZOR 20 (BF) (Wyclose) S C Williams 9-0 ... T Quinn 88
408 (7) 012-140 WOLFHUNT 35 (Mrs E Queally) P Makin 8-13 ... W R Swinburn 100
409 (12) 01 MOON TANGO 20 (G) (K Al-Saad) B Hills 8-11 ... M Hills 86
410 (6) 302-600 OVERTURE 17 (C,G) (J Lazzari) R Hannon 8-8 ... Dane O'Neill 83
411 (5) 610 FREDORA 14 (D,G) (P Golonngi) M Blanshard 8-8 ... J Quinn 94
412 (1) -025612 KING OF THE RIVER 14 (D,S) (B Bull) G Chung 8-3 ... Emma O'Gorman 89
413 (8) 022- SILVERSMITH 253 (BF) (D Churston) S Dow 8-2 ... P Doe (5) 99
414 (13) 14-0000 HAKEEM 14 (G) (A Al Shafari) R Armstrong 8-1 ... F Norton 100

BETTING: 11-4 Mubrik, 7-1 Atlantic Viking, Moon Tango, 8-1 Fredora, 10-1 Stone Of Destiny, Hever Golf Ranger, Wolfhunt 12-1 others.

1997: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS Atlantic Viking 7¼l 10th of 22 to Friar Tuck in 3yo handicap at York (6f, good to soft). Mubrik beat Wigging 1¾l in 10-runner 3yo maiden stakes at Thirsk (7f, soft). Batswing 16l last of 8 to La-Fash in 2yo group 3 stakes at Newbury (7f 64yd, good). Gurkha 8l 16th of 31 to Plan-B in 3yo handicap at Ascot (1m, good to soft) with Overture (1lb better off) 17l 26th. Hever Golf Ranger 3½l 4th of 12 to Maranello in 3yo stakes at Taby (1m, soft). Razor ¾l 2nd of 11 to Pure Gold in 3yo maiden stakes at Sandown (7f 16yd, good to soft). Wolfhunt 25l last of 12 to Five Of Spades in handicap at Wolverhampton (6f, Aw, fibresand). Moon Tango beat Uplifting ¾l in 12-runner maiden stakes at Lingfield (6f, good). Fredora 15l 10th of 12 to Sweet Wilhelmina in handicap at Goodwood (7f, good). King Of The River 1½l 2nd of 11 to Guaranteed in claiming stakes at Newmarket (1m, good). Silversmith 5l 2nd of 12 to Signatory in maiden auction stakes at Brighton (6f 209yd, good to firm). Hakeem 12l 8th of 16 to No Extras in handicap at Newmarket (7f, good).

FREDORA can be forgiven for a modest run and has a good chance on other form

4.15 CHEVALIER TROPHY MAIDEN STAKES (£3,485: 1m 6f) (11 runners)

501 (11) 0 CHARLIE SIDDLE 42 (C Siddle) R Simpson 4-9-12 ... M Gallagher —
502 (?) 55 ANOTHER BEVELED 35 (Eastbury Racing Club) A P Jones 3-9-11 ... R Painter 67
503 (5) 0-30320 DENTARDIA 22 (Stave Maple Partnership) J Eustace 3-8-11 Lucy Cawdron (7) 60
504 (3) 5-05 DIVINAYSHAN 23 (R Tikkoo) R Armstrong 3-8-11 ... R Price 58
505 (?) 00 FURTHER RISK 16 (A Walton) Mrs H Walton 3-8-11 ... A Culhane 50
506 (10) GEDY RED (L Gaucci) H Cecil 3-8-11 ... K Fallon —
507 (2) 003 KING OF MOMMUR 39 (Three Bears Racing) B Meehan 3-8-11 ... W R Swinburn 59
508 (1) OTTO (Mrs H Ryan) K McAuliffe 3-8-11 ... J Reid —
509 (9) 2223 SPRING ANCHOR 21 (M Arbib) P Cole 3-8-11 ... T Quinn 101
510 (4) 2 APRIL STOCK 18 (Mrs M Fairbairn) Miss G Kelleway 3-8-6 ... — 79
511 (6) 0-22 IVORY CROWN 23 (Serendipity Partnership) E Dunlop 3-8-6 ... Pat Eddery 96

BETTING: 2-1 Ivory Crown, 4-1 Gedy Red, 5-1 King Of Mommur, April Stock, 6-1 Spring Anchor, 8-1 others.

1997: BOOK AT BEDTIME 3-8-6 L Dettori (1-6 fav) C Cyzer 5 ran

FORM FOCUS Dentardia 41l 7th of 9 to Norcroft Joy in 3yo handicap at Yarmouth (1m 6f 17yd, good). Gedy Red Alleged colt, brother to a winner and half-brother to others. King Of Mommur 2¾l 3rd of 6 to Casino Captive in handicap at Chepstow (1m 4f 23yd, good to firm). Spring Anchor 5½l 3rd of 9 to Ta-Lim in 3yo maiden stakes at Goodwood (1m 4f, good). April Stock neck 2nd of 7 to Benjamin Frank in maiden auction stakes at Brighton (1m 3f 196yd, good). Ivory Crown 7l 2nd of 11 to Catchascatchcan in 3yo maiden stakes at Kempton (1m 4f, soft) with Divinayshan (levels) 9l 5th.

A tricky race for which SPRING ANCHOR is a tentative selection

4.45 YEAR OF THE TIGER HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,534: 5f) (13 runners)

601 (9) 2100-00 MRS MALAPROP 61 (D,G) (M Foy) B Chapman 9-7 ... T Quinn 89
602 (12) 3-63139 I CRIED FOR YOU 30 (BF,D,F) (B Lalemand) R Hannon 9-2 ... Dane O'Neill 83
603 (13) -640230 IVORY'S JOY 13 (D,F,G,S) (K Ivory) K Ivory 9-2 ... — 89
604 (5) 4002035 EMPEROR NAHEEM 13 (D) (Mrs E Meehan) B Meehan 9-1 ... Pat Eddery 76
605 (8) 3-30203 BATCHWORTH BELLE 9 (Mrs D Price) E Wheeler 8-12 ... A Daly (3) 90
606 (5) 0422-30 RITA'S ROCK APE 27 (Mrs J Pearce) R Brotherton 8-11 ... J Reid 95
607 (10) 005- POETRY IN MOTION 269 (P Eaton Racing) E Alston 8-9 ... K Fallon 97
608 (11) 0330542 D'MARTI 8 (Mrs M Rogers) C Booth 8-7 ... A Culhane 98
609 (2) 0-405 ARRY MARTIN 10 (Mrs M Wickham) W Muir 8-6 ... Martin Dwyer 86
610 (7) 0116401 MISS DANGEROUS 9 (D,S) (M Quinn) M Quinn 9-2 (6ex) ... F Norton 97
611 (?) 0100505 LEGAL LARK 10 (F) (C Hammond) P Howling 8-1 ... J Quinn 84
612 (?) 00004 CAMEO 18 (Park Farm Racing) M Channon 8-1 ... T Sprake 76
613 (4) 050-054 ROYAL BLUE 23 (Ridgeway Partnership) M Usher 7-11 ... J Marshall 81

BETTING: 9-2 Emperor Naheem, 6-1 Ivory's Joy, Miss Dangerous, 13-2 D'Marti, 7-1 Batchworth Belle, 8-1 others.

1997: SALLY GREEN 9-5 L Dalton (2-1 fav) C Wall 10 ran

FORM FOCUS Mrs Malaprop 11l last of 9 to Robin Goodfellow in handicap at Salisbury (6f, good to soft). I Cried For You 10l 9th to Out Line in handicap at Goodwood (6f, good). Emperor Naheem 3½l 5th to Night Shot in handicap at Ascot (5f, good) with Ivory's Joy (4lb better off) 5½l 9th. Poetry In Motion 5l 5th to Sense Of Wonder in maiden at Redcar (6f, good to firm). D'Marti 1½l 2nd to Piccolo Cativo in handicap at Carlisle (5f, good to soft). Arry Martin 2½l 5th to Zeppo in handicap at Lingfield (6f, good to firm) with Legal Lark (levels) 5½l 6th. Miss Dangerous beat Broadway Melody 1½l in handicap at Warwick (5f, good to soft) with Batchworth Belle (3lb better off) 3l 3rd.

Fallon is a significant booking for POETRY IN MOTION

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
S C Williams	6	18	33.3	Pat Eddery	57	246	23.2
M Stoute	27	131	20.6	L Dettori	49	228	21.5
M Johnston	10	50	20.0	J Weaver	11	70	15.7
H Cecil	15	77	19.5	K Fallon	11	71	15.5
J Dunlop	21	117	17.9	T Quinn	23	170	13.5
J Gosden	16	110	14.5	T Sprake	6	45	13.3

WARWICK

THUNDERER

2.20 Rock Scene. 2.55 Tomal. 3.30 The Gene Genie. 4.00 Bathwick. 4.30 East Winds. 5.00 Ultimate Smoothie. 5.30 Nordic Breeze.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.20 BEST OF BREED MAIDEN HANDICAP
(£3,036: 1m 2f 169yd) (20 runners)

1 (9) 5-64 KEEN DANCER 25 (BF) M Pipe 4-9-11 ... D Harrison 54
2 (14) 430- DANCING QUEEN 291 M Bell 4-9-2 ... M Fenton 66
3 (2) 006 IMANI 20 G Lewis 3-8-10 ... Paul Eddery 70
4 (12) 0083 MARY CULI 20 H Candy 4-8-9 ... C Rutter 65
5 (20) 00-2 POLONAISE PRINCE 8 P Makin 5-8-6 ... D Griffiths (3) 72
6 (6) 0-04 FERGHANA MA 22 S C Williams 3-8-7 ... S Drowne 58
7 (3) 6002 SAN GLAMORE MELODY 7 R Ingram 4-8-6 ... M Baird (3) 70
8 (16) -600 ROCK SCENE 16 A Streeter 6-8-5 ... P Dobbs (7) 66
9 (15) 644- THE ROBE 203 A Carroll 3-8-4 ... J Tate 54
10 (8) 3002 FORMIDABLE FLAME 7 W Musson 5-8-4 ... R Cochrane 69
11 (11) -000 CAPE SIREN 9 M Ryan 4-8-3 ... R Winston (5) 54
12 (7) 00-0 STALWART LEGION 11 J Hills 3-8-2 ... A Clark 46
13 (13) -000 RUNAROUND 11 N Callaghan 3-8-2 ... J F Egan 43
14 (4) 0-00 SALFORD LAD 57 J Pearce 4-8-1 ... G Bardwell 40
15 (19) -040 ISCA MAIDEN 10 P Hayward 4-8-0 ... M Henry 54
16 (17) 0523 ZIGGY STARDUST 11 Mrs A J Bowlby 3-7-12 ... J Lowe 55
17 (16) -504 BALERIENA 13 J Pieschaert (Bel) 5-7-12 ... N Adams —
18 (10) 0000 GLAMORGAN 25 M Pipe 3-7-10 ... R Mullen (3) 50
19 (5) -054 PERECAPA 16 B Palling 3-7-10 ... Jessica Roberts (7) 54
20 (1) -000 CARVER JOHN 9 (B) A Barrow 3-7-10 ... N Carlisle 43

5-1 Keen Dancer, 6-1 Polonaise Prince, 7-1 Mary Culi, 8-1 Formidable Flame, 10-1 San Glamore Melody, 12-1 Ferghana Ma, Ziggy Stardust, 14-1 others.

2.55 ROYAL SELLING HANDICAP (£1,725: 1m) (20)

1 (3) 2003 YOUNG BENSON 8 (V,F) T Wall 6-9-13 ... L Newton 70
2 (16) -441 QUEEN OF SHANNON 16 (CD,F,S) A Carroll 10-9-12 ... R Studholme (5) 75
3 (12) 8000 IVOR'S DEED 9 (F,G) Miss G Kelleway 5-9-8 ... J F Egan 68
4 (18) 6602 MUSTN'T GRUMBLE 30 (V,D,F,G) Miss S Wilson 8-9-5 ... N Callan (7) 59
5 (19) 6400 FAMOUS 9 (D,F,G,S) J Bridger 5-9-4 ... G Bardwell 62
6 (20) 2000 KOMASTA 15 (V) Mrs G Rees 4-9-4 ... Dean McKeown 58
7 (15) 0-00 COURTNEY GYM 11 P Burgoyne 3-9-2 ... J Tate 54
8 (7) 4005 SASSY 22 (F) A Jarvis 3-9-2 ... D Sweeney 60
9 (2) 0000 AIGLE D'ILLYRIA 9 K C-Brown 4-9-0 ... S Sanders 54
10 (1) 305- ATTARIKH 210J Mrs A King 5-8-13 ... F Lynch 70
11 (6) -000 CAPTAIN JONES 7 (B) M A Buckley 3-8-13 ... J Gracey (7) 68
12 (5) 0640 WARRIOR KING 22 (V,G) J Banks 4-8-12 ... R Winston (5) 54
13 (8) -440 MISMEWMEW 73 C Benstead 3-8-11 ... C Rutter 60
14 (4) 0004 PROUD MONK 13 (B) M Bosley 5-8-10 ... Aimee Cook (5) 77
15 (11) 0080 ROYAL CARLTON 9 (D) G L Moore 6-8-10 ... S Whitworth 69
16 (17) 56-0 TOMAL 38 (F) R Ingram 6-8-8 ... A Clark 76
17 (9) 5400 SOVIET LADY 7 (G) B Pearce 4-8-8 ... D Ublisa 58
18 (14) 3060 BLUE HOPPER 7 (B) M Quinn 4-8-8 ... A Whelan 62
19 (13) 0406 WILD NETTLE 6 J Fox 4-8-8 ... S Drowne 65
20 (10) 0303 HOLLOWAY MELODY 4 (D,G) B McMahon 5-8-7 ... R Cochrane 60

7-1 Queen Of Shannon, 8-1 Young Benson, Proud Monk, Holloway Melody, 10-1 Courtney Gym, Warrior King, 12-1 Tomal, Wild Nettle, 14-1 others.

3.30 GERALD EVE MAIDEN STAKES
(£4,338: 1m) (16)

1 (6) 0-0 MY BROTHER 39 Simon Earle 4-9-7 ... J Lowe 43
2 (9) RO-JO 44J A Chamberlain 4-9-7 ... D McGaffin (7) —
3 (15) 0- DUBELLE 39J J King 8-9-2 ... P P Murphy (3) —
4 (1) 0/6- OCEAN LIGHT 492 A Bailey 4-9-2 ... S Drowne —
5 (8) BOLLAN R Simpson 3-8-12 ... F Lynch —
6 (13) 0 BROUGHTONS DIAMOND 18 (B) W Musson 3-8-12 ... S Whitworth —
7 (11) 4 I WISH YOU LOVE 14 R Hannon 3-8-12 ... W J O'Connor 60
8 (5) 3-0 MINIVET 47 M Bell 3-8-12 ... M Fenton 76
9 (3) 5 PARTING ECHO 23 J Toller 3-8-12 ... S Sanders 65
10 (16) 6-43 RITUAL 20 H Candy 3-8-12 ... C Rutter 76
11 (12) 2 SAVILE ROW 73 J Arnold 3-8-12 ... C Lowther 80
12 (14) -522 THE GENE GENIE 20 M Heaton-Ellis 3-8-12 ... A Clark 102
13 (10) BRIEF ESCAPADE P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-7 ... R Havlin (3) —
14 (7) FAIRY LIGHTS P Makin 3-8-7 ... D Harrison —
15 (4) 0 FLOWERS COVE 11 M Blanshard 3-8-7 ... D Sweeney —
16 (2) -060 GENERAL KLAIRE 74 B McMahon 3-8-7 ... R Cochrane —

11-4 Brief Escapade, 7-2 The Gene Genie, 9-2 Ritual, 6-1 I Wish You Love, 7-1 Savile Row, 12-1 Minivet, 14-1 Parting Echo, 20-1 others.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Beverley: 7.20 Make Believe. Hamilton Park: 9.10 Dougs Dream. Haydock Park: 7.30 Jimmy Too. Market Rasen: 3 50 Lochnagrean. 5.20 Gymcrak Gorgos. Warwick: 2.20 Carver John. 2.55 Blue Hopper. 4.30 Lambrini Lad. 5.30 Herbshan Dancer, Lalindi.

4.00 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,845: 7f) (17)

1 (10) 0 CHIEF ABBA 23 R Hannon 8-9 ... W J O'Connor 68
2 (17) EBONY-HEIGHTS W Muir 8-9 ... C Lowther —
3 (7) 2 BATHWICK 9 B Smart 8-7 ... J Stack 88
4 (11) 006 DANDY DANCER 16 S C Williams 8-7 ... F Lynch 72
5 (9) LAUTREC R Williams 8-5 ... R Cochrane —
6 (2) 05 RIVER COURT 17 E Dunlop 8-5 ... D Harrison —
7 (5) ROYAL FUSILIER M Bell 8-5 ... R Mullen (3) —
8 (6) SCHNITZEL M Bell 8-4 ... M Fenton —
9 (3) 630 BUNDY 7 M Channon 8-3 ... R Perham 79
10 (16) RESTIGNE J Hills 8-3 ... A Clark —
11 (13) 264 TO THE LAST MAN 20 M Usher 8-3 ... R Street 80
12 (4) 0 CATCH BALL 11 T Watson 8-2 ... Dean McKeown —
13 (8) 4 FANETTA 10 (BF) M Tompkins 8-0 ... Dale Gibson 78
14 (12) HERB OF GRACE Mrs J Cecil 8-0 ... J F Egan —
15 (1) 0 PURPLE DAWN 24 J S Moore 8-0 ... P P Murphy (3) —
16 (14) 0 JANE ANN 10 A Jarvis 7-12 ... N Varley —
17 (15) 00 TEEN IDOL 10 J Bridger 7-12 ... G Bardwell —

3-1 Bathwick, 6-1 Fanetta, 8-1 Schnitzel, To The Last Man, 10-1 River Court, 12-1 Ebony Heights, Restigne, Herb Of Grace, Jane Ann, 14-1 others.

4.30 STOCKMANS MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,980: 6f) (13)

1 (1) 4023 CHIEFTAIN 38 N Callaghan 3-8-13 ... N Callan (7) 102
2 (4) 0322 EAST WINDS 27 (BF) P Walwyn 3-8-13 ... R Cochrane 94
3 (13) 4-0 JIM DORE 97 A Jarvis 3-8-13 ... S Clancy (7) 69
4 (9) 0-00 LAMBRINI LAD 17 (B) A Bailey 3-8-13 ... S Drowne —
5 (5) SAFE SHARP JO M Jarvis 3-8-13 ... L Stoker (7) —
6 (10) 0000 SUN DANCER 7 N Smith 3-8-13 ... J Bosley (7) —
7 (12) 04 ABUNDANCE 20 J G Smyth-Osbourne 3-8-8 ... R Perham 74
8 (8) CLEY TOURIST A Carroll 3-8-8 ... M Rimmer —
9 (3) 6 COBRA LADY 17 C Egerton 3-8-8 ... C Lowther —
10 (7) 5-4 DE-WOLF 30 P Makin 3-8-8 ... A Clark 76
11 (6) 0 KAYOKO 8 A Jarvis 3-8-8 ... D Sweeney —
12 (5) 0- MISS HIT 434 Miss G Kelleway 3-8-8 ... J F Egan —
13 (11) 0 WYCHWOOD TIMES 27 H Collingridge 3-8-8 ... K W Marks —

5-2 Chieftain, 3-1 East Winds, 9-2 De-Wolf, 8-1 Abundance, 10-1 Wychwood Times, 12-1 Cobra Lady, 14-1 Jim Dore, Kayoko, 16-1 others.

5.00 PYMENTS TROPHY HANDICAP
(£3,002: 1m 6f 194yd) (8)

1 (3) 5-31 ULTIMATE SMOOTHIE 9 (CD,F,S) M Pipe 6-10-3 (5ex) ... D Harrison 89
2 (4) 0-10 SWING WEST 13J P Eccles 4-9-10 ... N Callan (7) 76
3 (2) 0-15 WOODY'S BOY 20 (BF,F) M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-5 ... A Clark 79
4 (5) 1106 PHILOSOPHIC 30 Mrs L Jewell 4-8-11 ... J Lowe 73
5 (7) 2-00 BONNIE VILLE 18 B Palling 4-8-6 ... D Sweeney 68
6 (6) 6000 SHINING DANCER 13 (F,G) S Dow 6-8-6 ... J F Egan 74
7 (1) 00-6 RABEA 81 J Dunlop 3-8-2 ... C Lowther 68
8 (8) 4050 KEEPSAKE 13 (F) M Usher 4-7-13 ... R Street 90

5-4 Ultimate Smoothie, 9-2 Philosophic, 7-1 Woody's Boy, 8-1 Swing West, Shining Dancer, 10-1 Rabea, 12-1 Bonnie Ville, 20-1 Keepsake.

5.30 BOLLINGER CHAMPAGNE CHALLENGE HANDICAP
(Amateurs: £2,898: 1m 4f 115yd) (8)

1 (8) 1-05 LALINDI 13 (V,C,F,S) R Champion 7-12-0 ... C Ranson (3) 40
2 (3) 24-0 NORDIC BREEZE 57 (V,G) M Pipe 6-11-11 ... T Scudamore (7) 54
3 (2) 0010 STATAJACK 23 (B,F,G,S) D Elsworth 10-11-11 ... N Moran (7) 60
4 (1) -023 HERBSHAN DANCER 9 (B) S Eade 4-10-7 ... A Holdsworth (3) 65
5 (6) 6000 GLIDE PATH 13 (F,G) J Jenkins 9-10-6 ... Dr M Mannish (3) 54
6 (5) 00-2 BROUGHTONS LURE 9 W Musson 4-10-3 ... A Jacobs (5) 66
7 (4) 0600 DIAMOND EYRE 15 J Bidett 4-10-1 ... G Thomas (7) 54
8 (7) 0/5/ MILE A MINUTE 673J (B,F) J Neville 7-9-10 ... S Sbouge (5) —

3-1 Statajack, Broughtons Lure, 9-2 Nordic Breeze, Herbshan Dancer, 11-2 Lalindi, 8-1 Glide Path, 25-1 Diamond Eyre, 33-1 Mile A Minute.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Miss G Kelleway, 7 winners from 21 runners, 33.3%. M Pipe, 11 from 40, 27.5%; J Hills, 6 from 25, 24.0%; J Pearce, 7 from 31, 22.6%; D Elsworth, 4 from 18, 22.2%, J Dunlop, 8 from 40, 20.0%.

JOCKEYS: G Bardwell, 11 winners from 62 rides, 17.7%, D Harrison, 10 from 61, 16.4%, F Lynch, 4 from 27, 14.8%; A Clark, 7 from 48, 14.6%; Paul Eddery, 8 from 60, 13.3%; R Cochrane, 5 from 38, 13.2%.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: GREEK PALACE (3.10 Sandown Park)
Next best: Broughtons Lure (5.30 Warwick)

Thunderer selected five winners at Haydock Park yesterday, including Prince Dome (9-1), Rainald (6-1) and Clued Up (6-1)

HAYDOCK PARK

THUNDERER

7.00 Night City. 7.30 Gorse. 8.00 Saffo. 8.30 Banningham Breeze. 9.00 Invermark. 9.30 Royal Dome.

GOING: GOOD SIS
DRAW. 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

7.00 MTB GROUP CLASSIFIED CLAIMING STAKES (SKY)
(£2,740: 1m 3f 200yd) (6 runners)

1 00-6 HAYA YA KEFAAH 20 (CD,F,G,S) N Babbage 6-10-0 ... F Norton 4
2 0012 NIGHT CITY 9 (BF,D,F,G,S) K Burke 7-10-0 ... D Sweeney 1
3 -032 FILMORE WEST 15 (F) D Arbuthnot 5-9-4 ... S Whitworth 5
4 /836 BENFLEET 16 (BF,D,F,S) M Pipe 7-9-2 ... W J O'Connor 6
5 4450 SLASHER JACK 20 (CD,F,G) R Fahey 7-9-0 ... J Fortune 2
6 0-53 FRANCESCA'S FOLLY 20 (F) J Hills 3-8-6 ... S Sanders 3

9-4 Slasher Jack, 5-2 Night City, 4-1 Filmore West, 5-1 Francesca's Folly, 8-1 Benfleet, 14-1 Haya Ya Kefaah.

7.30 COMPUTER TEAM GROUP CONDITIONS STAKES (SKY)
(£5,261: 6f) (4)

1 -145 DOUBLE SPLENDOUR 29 (BF,CD,F,G,S) P Felgate 8-8-10 ... D Sweeney 2
2 0031 SUPERIOR PREMIUM 9 (C,D,S) R Fahey 4-8-10 ... K Fallon 4
3 0420 JIMMY TOO 13 (B,D,S) B McMahon 3-8-9 ... J Fortune 3
4 12 GORSE 49 (BF,D,S) H Candy 3-8-8 ... C Rutter 1

6-4 Gorse, 5-2 Double Splendour, 11-4 Superior Premium, 6-1 Jimmy Too.

8.00 ESPRIT PEOPLE RATED HANDICAP (SKY)
(£4,961: 7f 30yd) (7)

1 -010 ROCK FALCON 16 (B,D,F,G,S) Lady Herries 5-9-7 ... R Cochrane 1
2 00-0 HI NOD 27 (D,F,G,S) Miss J A Camacho 8-9-4 ... L Charnock 7
3 -401 SHARP REBUFF 21 (D,F,G,S) P Makin 7-9-3 ... S Sanders 2
4 3203 NIGHT OF GLASS 7 (V,D,F,G,S) J Eyre 5-9-0 ... K Fallon 4
5 3542 CELESTIAL KEY 7 (CD,F,G) M Johnston 8-8-13 ... J Weaver 3
6 0415 PERSIAN FAYRE 6 (CD,F,G) J Berry 6-8-13 ... P Fessey 6
7 6313 SARO 13 (BF,D,F,G) A Bailey 5-8-7 ... J Fortune 5

3-1 Saffo, 7-2 Celestial Key, 9-2 Sharp Rebuff, 5-1 Night Of Glass, Persian Fayre, 8-1 Rock Falcon, 16-1 Hi Nod.

8.30 HORWATH CLARK WHITEHILL WASIM AKRAM MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (SKY)
(2-Y-O: £3,530: 6f) (11)

1 42 PRINCE PROSPECT 20 (BF) J Noseda 8-11 ... W R Swinburn 10
2 BODFARI STREET Mrs J Ramsden 8-8 ... J Fortune 6
3 0 MYTTON'S MOMENT 58 A Bailey 8-8 ... R Perham 2
4 6623 BANNINGHAM BREEZE 14 K Ivory 8-6 ... N Pollard (7) 8
5 0 NATHAN'S BOY 28 R Hollinshead 8-4 ... A McCarthy (3) 5
6 6 ONESINGER ONESONG 28 N Tinkler 8-4 ... C Rutter 11
7 2 PERIGEUX 14 J Berry 8-4 ... P Fessey 9
8 2 COVER GIRL 9 (BF) M Prescott 8-3 ... S Sanders 3
9 323 ENTROPY 9 (BF) R Hannon 8-3 ... J F Egan 7
10 0 FAST TO LIGHT 10 N Tinkler 8-1 ... L Charnock 1
11 TIME AND AGAIN Mrs G Rees 7-13 ... F Norton 4

3-1 Prince Prospect, 4-1 Entropy, 5-1 Cover Girl, 6-1 Banningham Breeze, Perigeux, 10-1 Bodfari Street, Onesinger Onesong, 20-1 others.

9.00 MOSCHINO CHEAP AND CHIC HANDICAP
(£3,374: 1m 6f) (5)

1 -862 INVERMARK 27 (F) J Fanshawe 4-10-0 ... W R Swinburn 2
2 0-40 FLETCHER 17 (F) H Morrison 4-9-9 ... K Fallon 5
3 005- ONE FOR BAILEYS 262 (S) M Johnston 4-9-7 ... J Weaver 1
4 5210 TURGENEV 8 (BF,CD,G,S) R Bastiman 9-8-13 ... J Fortune 3
5 0343 NIKITA'S STAR 7 (F) M Brittain 5-7-10 ... L Charnock 4

7-4 Invermark, 3-1 One For Baileys, 7-2 Turgenev, 6-1 Fletcher, 9-1 Nikita's Star.

9.30 SELBY MARKETING SERVICES HANDICAP
(£2,950: 5f) (11)

1 2141 STORYTELLER 14 (V,D,G,S) M Dods 4-10-0 ... Dale Gibson 5
2 0430 YOUNG IBNR 13 (D,F) P Evans 3-9-12 ... C Cogan (7) 5
3 0603 ROYAL DOME 9 (CD,F,G) M Wane 6-9-9 ... K Fallon 8
4 00-0 SKYERS TRYER 11 (D,F) B Baugh 4-9-3 ... R Perham 3
5 -030 HIGH DOMAIN 8 (B,C,D,G,S) J Spearing 7-9-1 ... J Fortune 11
6 0000 BASHFUL BRAVE 9 (D,F) B Baugh 7-8-12 ... C Lowther 2
7 5012 HILTONS EXECUTIVE 23 (D,F) E Alston 4-8-12 ... L Charnock 9
8 5020 PRESS AHEAD 13 (BF) B McMahon 3-8-10 ... R Cochrane 7
9 6040 TINKER'S SURPRISE 15 (D,F) J Balding 4-8-7 ... J Edmunds 4
10 0666 RICH GLOW 14 (D,F,G,S) N Bycroft 7-8-5 ... S Sanders 1
11 0021 SUPERFRILLS 3 (D,S) Miss L Siddall 5-8-5 (7ex) ... A McCarthy (3) 10

9-2 Royal Dome, Superfrills, 5-1 Hiltons Executive, 11-2 Storyteller, 13-2 Press Ahead, 7-1 High Domain, 10-1 Young Ibnr, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Bastiman, 4 winners from 13 runners, 30.8%, P Felgate 3 from 14, 21.4%, J Spearing, 3 from 17, 17.6%, R Fahey, 4 from 23, 17.4%, P Makin, 5 from 29, 17.2%.

JOCKEYS: D Sweeney, 3 winners from 13 rides, 23.1%, W Swinburn, 6 from 37, 16.2%, J Weaver, 20 from 126, 15.9%, K Fallon, 14 from 116, 12.1%, R Cochrane, 4 from 38, 10.5%.

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12/1	Shadoof	25/1	Fahs
14/1	Another Time	28/1	Zugudi
14/1	Hunters Of Brora	33/1	Gypsy Passion
14/1	Lear Spear	33/1	Punishment
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16/1	Yavana's Pace	40/1	Sheer Danzig
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Kelleway in switch to Lingfield

GAY KELLEWAY is to move from Whitcombe, Dorset, to Lingfield Park as the Surrey track's first resident trainer, it was announced yesterday. She is having 70 boxes refurbished and they will be ready by the middle of this month.

There will also be a quarantine yard and an administrative office, which will provide accommodation for the assistant trainer and 12 members of her stable staff. Kelleway, 34, plans to have her new stable fully operational by the end of the summer.

She said: "I'm really looking forward to settling down at Lingfield. The facilities are first class and I see this as the biggest move of my career."

RAPID RACELINE

0930 168+ COMMENTARY RESULTS

SANDOWN	101	201
WARWICK	102	202
MKT RASEN	103	203
HAYDOCK	104	204
BEVERLEY	105	205
HAMILTON	106	206
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BEVERLEY

THUNDERER

6.50 Super Park. 7.20 Chlo-Jo. 7.50 Euro Sceptic. 8.20 Golden Thunderbolt. 8.50 Bon Ami. 9.20 Hyperactive.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

6.50 NMA FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SELLING HANDICAP
(£2,863: 7f 100yd) (17 runners)

1 0011 OCHOS RIOS 17 (CD,F,G,S) B Rothwell 7-9-10 ... R Winston (5) 3
2 0130 FANCY A FORTUNE 18 (D,G) D Nicholls 4-9-10 ... Alex Greaves 15
3 3005 SPECIAL-K 16 (CD,F,G,S) J Turner 6-9-4 ... T Siddall (7) 5
4 05-0 UP THE CLARETS 11 J J O'Neill 3-9-4 ... W Supple 10
5 -060 FRENCH GINGER 6 (D,F) Enrico Incisa 7-8-12 ... Kim Tinkler 17
6 0026 SADEEBAH 9 (BF) M Johnston 3-8-9 ... J Carroll 8
7 -030 GREY PROSPECT 16 M Brittain 4-8-8 ... G Bardwell 7
8 0000 SMART GUEST 9 (F,G,S) J Parkes 6-8-7 ... N Carlisle 2
9 0500 KOMLUCKY 88 (V,D,F,G) K Ryan 6-8-5 ... — 1
10 00-6 CANDY TWIST 37 Ron Thompson 3-8-4 ... L Newton 13
11 4430 DANCING EM 6 (B) T Easterby 3-8-2 ... K Darley 14
12 -000 PLENTY OF SUNSHINE 1 Mrs M Macauley 5-8-2 ... K Moore (7) 9
13 064U BACKHANDER 1 M Waring 6-8-1 ... Melanie Worden (7) 4
14 06-0 YOUR THE LIMIT 4 J Parkes 5-8-0 ... Declan O'Shea 6
15 5000 SILENT PRIDE 3 M Usher 3-8-0 ... J Fowle (7) 11
16 -060 SAMSPET 16 R Fahey 4-7-11 ... S Maloney 16
17 0636 SUPER PARK 6 (S) J Pearce 6-7-11 ... P Bradley (7) 12

7-2 Ochos Rios, 9-2 Sadeebah, 11-2 Special-K, 8-1 Dancing Em, 10-1 Fancy A Fortune, 12-1 Up The Clarets, Grey Prospect, Super Park, 14-1 others.

7.20 RACING PAGES FILLIES HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,902: 1m 1f 207yd) (9)

1 -655 LINEAGE 21 N Graham 9-7 ... K Darley 1
2 -045 NOCTURNE 11 J Hills 9-6 ... J Carroll 2
3 2210 CHLO-JO 15 (D,S) M Britain 8-10 ... G Bardwell 5
4 0800 MAKE BELIEVE 18 (V,S) M Polglase 8-3 ... Dean McKeown 3
5 000 HAMERKOP 21 (B) John Berry 7-10 ... Declan O'Shea 9
6 0322 TUI 3 P Bowen 7-10 ... Jenny Benson (7) 7
7 0-04 SECOND TERM 4 W Storey 7-10 ... R Mullen (3) 8
8 000- LAVERNOCK LADY 277 J J Quinn 7-10 ... N Carlisle 4
9 6503 JOLI FILLE 4 J Wainwright 7-10 ... S Maloney 6

9-4 Nocturne, 11-4 Lineage, Tui, 5-1 Chlo-Jo, 14-1 Second Term, 20-1 Make Believe, 25-1 Lavernock Lady, 33-1 others.

7.50 WILLIAM JACKSONS HANDICAP
(£4,973: 1m 100yd) (9)

1 5106 MCGILLYCUDDY REEKS 7 (C,D,F,G) Enrico Incisa 7-9-10 ... Kim Tinkler 8
2 1414 TAKHLID 20 (BF,D,F,S) D Chapman 7-9-9 ... A Culhane 2
3 0000 QUEENS CONSUL 5 (CD,F,G,S) B Rothwell 8-9-9 ... M Fenton 4
4 -111 LUCKY ARCHER 9 (D,F,S) J Bradley 5-9-5 (6ex) ... K Darley 9
5 0562 COLWAY RITZ 9 (G) W Storey 4-9-3 ... J Carroll 3
6 0055 OPULENT 23 (CD,S) Mrs M Reveley 7-9-2 ... Paul Eddery 6
7 6330 MURPHY'S GOLD 9 (CD,F,G) R Fahey 7-8-0 ... S Maloney 7
8 0006 EURO SCEPTIC 9 (B,CD,F,G) T Easterby 6-7-13 ... R Winston (5) 1
9 0160 THATCHED 9 (CD,F,G) R Barr 8-7-10 ... N Carlisle 5

7-2 Lucky Archer, Colway Ritz, 11-2 Opulent, 13-2 McGillycuddy Reeks, 8-1 Takhlid, Murphy's Gold, 10-1 Queens Consul, Euro Sceptic, 14-1 Thatched.

8.20 SHELPHEN RESOURCE HANDICAP
(£3,300: 1m 3f 216yd) (9)

1 -001 JALB 9 (S) P Murphy 4-10-1 (6ex) ... S Drowne 3
2 -411 GOLDEN THUNDERBOLT 10 (CD,F,G) N Tinkler 5-10-0 (6ex) ... D Harrison 1
3 0002 DARGO 32 C Thornton 4-9-10 ... Dean McKeown 2
4 0026 KINGS CAY 15 (C,D,F,G,S) T Caldwell 7-9-8 ... J Carroll 6
5 0444 AUGUSTAN 5 (BF,D,F,S) S Gollings 7-9-6 ... R Winston (5) 8
6 5006 OUR WAY 32 (F) M Britain 4-9-2 ... P Robinson 4
7 0-00 COTTAGE PRINCE 38 (D,F) J J Quinn 5-8-8 ... A Culhane 5
8 0063 PREMIUM QUEST 7 (S) R Fahey 3-8-7 ... K Darley 7
9 2000 DANCING DESTINY 38 R Bastiman 6-8-7 ... Paul Eddery 9

9-2 Jalb, Kings Cay, 11-2 Golden Thunderbolt, 6-1 Augustan, 13-2 Dargo, Premium Quest, 7-1 Our Way, 10-1 others.

8.50 WELLBEING NOVICE STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,210: 5f) (6)

1 01 CYRO 16 (D,G) M Jarvis 9-2 ... P Robinson 1
2 10 BALLINA LAD 39 (D,S) J FitzGerald 9-0 ... J Carroll 5
3 3422 BON AMI 9 (D,S) J Berry 9-0 ... P Bradley (7) 4
4 123 HENRY HALL 13 (D,F) N Tinkler 9-0 ... D Harrison 3
5 1 FRILLY FRONT 18 (D,S) T Barron 8-9 ... K Darley 6
6 4 BOLD SHADOW 28 R Fahey 8-7 ... R Winston (5) 2

9-4 Frilly Front, 11-4 Bon Ami, 4-1 Henry Hall, 9-2 Cyro, 8-1 Ballina Lad, 14-1 Bold Shadow.

9.20 JACKSONS FAMILY FOODSTORE MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,524: 5f) (10)

1 ALPHA C Thornton 9-0 ... Dean McKeown 10
2 54 CAPITALIST 30 Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 ... W Supple 7
3 4 HYPERACTIVE 28 A Stewart 9-0 ... T G McLaughlin 5
4 0 NOWELL HOUSE 37 M W Easterby 9-0 ... T Lucas 6
5 REGAL SONG T Etherington 9-0 ... A Culhane 4
6 00 RICH DOMINION 42 (BF) J Bethell 9-0 ... Paul Eddery 2
7 53 THE HAULIER 17 (BF) T Easterby 9-0 ... R Winston (5) 1
8 06 MOTTARET 13 B Rothwell 8-9 ... M Fenton 8
9 5 SEA MINSTREL 28 M Sowersby 8-9 ... G Bardwell 9
10 34 TOUS LES JOURS 21 M Johnston 8-9 ... J Carroll 3

5-2 Capitalist, 3-1 Tous Les Jours, 4-1 Hyperactive, 5-1 The Haulier, 12-1 Mottaret, 14-1 Rich Dominion, 16-1 Regal Song, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: A Stewart, 6 winners from 20 runners, 30.0%; John Berry, 3 from 11, 27.3%, M Johnston, 28 from 128, 21.9%, J Pearce, 4 from 21, 19.0%, J Berry, 23 from 126, 18.3%, R Bastiman, 4 from 24, 16.7%.

JOCKEYS: K Darley, 50 winners from 225 rides, 22.2%, M Fenton, 12 from 80, 15.0%, J Carroll, 16 from 113, 14.2%, Alex Greaves, 5 from 41, 12.2%, G Bardwell, 5 from 46, 10.9%. Only qualifiers.

HAMILTON PARK

THUNDERER

7.10 Beau Roberto. 7.40 Bodfaridistinction. 8.10 Temperamental. 8.40 Craigie Boy. 9.10 Aficionado. 9.40 Es Go.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

7.10 TILNEY PORTFOLIO LADY AMATEURS HANDICAP (SKY)
(£2,671: 1m 3f 16yd) (5 runners)

1 60-0 MANFUL 95 (B,CD,F,S) Miss L Perratt 6-11-7 ... Diana Jones 3
2 0051 NOSEY NATIVE 15 (D,F,S) J Pearce 5-9-10 ... Lydia Pearce 1
3 6144 LORD ADVOCATE 16 (V,CD,F,G,S) D Nolan 10-9-10 ... Ruth Clark 4
4 -023 SAINT ALBERT 15 P Walwyn 3-9-8 ... Susannah Samworth (3) 2
5 0433 BEAU ROBERTO 7 J Goldie 4-9-3 ... Carol Ann Williams (5) 5

2-1 Nosey Native, 11-4 Lord Advocate, 3-1 Saint Albert, 6-1 Beau Roberto, 7-1 Manful.

7.40 CASTROL INDUSTRIAL SELLING STAKES (SKY)
(£3,436: 5f 4yd) (9)

1 1554 PALACEGATE TOUCH 9 (B,C,D,F,G,S) J Berry 8-9-10 ... Iona Wands (5) 1
2 0501 MAYDORO 30 (D,S) M Dods 5-9-5 ... T Williams 7
3 0040 ANOTHER EPISODE 3 (D,F,G,S) Miss L Perratt 9-9-2 ... Dawn Rankin (7) 5
4 6-00 BLAZING IMP 9 (D,S) Mrs J Jordan 5-9-2 ... Darren Moffatt (3) 6
5 0-06 GENERAL SIR PETER 6 (B,D,F,G,S) R Hodges 6-9-2 ... Amanda Sanders 2
6 5200 SILK COTTAGE 22 (D,F) R Bastiman 6-9-2 ... H Bastiman (5) 8
7 0020 SWAN AT WHALLEY 15 (D,G,S) K Ryan 6-9-2 ... O Pears 3
8 0005 BODFARIDISTINCTION 20 (D,S) A Bailey 3-8-6 ... A Mackay 9
9 0000 IMPERIAL HONEY 9 Mrs A Swinbank 3-8-6 ... G Duffield 4

11-4 Swan At Whalley, 3-1 Palacegate Touch, 7-1 General Sir Peter, Silk Cottage, 8-1 Maydoro, Bodfaridistinction, Imperial Honey, 16-1 others.

8.10 PRECON BLOCKS E B F MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (SKY)
(2-Y-O: £3,469: 5f 4yd) (9)

1 40 ACE OF PARKES 35 (BF) J Berry 9-0 ... O Pears 6
2 03 CLAIM GEBAL CLAIM 32 Mrs A Swinbank 9-0 ... G Parkin 2
3 GOLDEN BIFF I Semple 9-0 ... R Lappin 8
4 HYPHEN M Prescott 9-0 ... G Duffield 5
5 54 LAABED 14 (BF) M Johnston 9-0 ... J Fanning 9
6 0 CLASS WAN 97 J Goldie 8-9 ... N Kennedy 1
7 50 COEUR DU LION 4 D Nicholls 8-9 ... P Goode (7) 7
8 8002 TANCRED ARMS 16 D Barker 8-9 ... T Williams 4
9 0450 TEMPRAMENTAL 27 D Haydn Jones 8-9 ... A Mackay 3

5-2 Hyphen, 3-1 Ace Of Parkes, Laabed, 7-1 Claim Gebal Claim, Tancred Arms, 15-1 Tempramental, 20-1 Class Wan, 25-1 others.

8.40 TOTE BOOKMAKERS SPRINT HANDICAP (SKY)
(£6,241: 6f 5yd) (14)

1 5322 CAUDA EQUINA 4 (D,F,G,S) M Channon 4-9-10 ... A Eddery (7) 11
2 0156 SUE ME 60 (D,S) D Nicholls 6-9-9 ... O Pears 12
3 -060 NATURAL KEY 13 (CD,F,G) D Haydn Jones 5-9-6 ... A Mackay 9
4 2150 NAISSANT 4 (CD,G,S) M Wane 5-9-4 ... J D Smith (3) 10
5 6453 THE WYANDOTTE INN 13 (B,D) R Hodges 4-9-1 ... Amanda Sanders 2
6 6202 TIME TO TANGO 8 (F) G M Moore 5-9-0 ... G Duffield 7
7 5050 PAGEBOY 16 (CD,F) P Haslam 9-8-13 ... J Fanning 6
8 3526 MISTER WESTSOUND 8 (B,CD,F,G) Miss L Perratt 6-8-9 ... N Kennedy 14
9 0310 HANBY 3 (C,S) J Goldie 6-8-3 (6ex) ... T Williams 1
10 0345 FRENCH PRIDE 22 A Dicken 3-8-2 ... Darren Moffatt (3) 5
11 0025 ANOTHER NIGHTMARE 3 (CD,F,G,S) R McKellar 6-7-13 ... K Sked (3) 3
12 0353 BIFF-EM 3 (C,G) Miss L Perratt 4-7-11 ... J McAuley (7) 13
13 0006 CRAIGIE BOY 5J (V,CD,G,S) N Bycroft 8-7-10 ... J Bramhill 4
14 -000 BEST KEPT SECRET 3 (V,CD,F,G,S) D Nolan 7-7-10 ... Iona Wands (5) 8

3-1 Time To Tango, 5-1 Cauda Equina, 15-2 Hanby, 8-1 The Wyandotte Inn, Mister Westsound, 10-1 Sue Me, Biff-Em, 12-1 others.

9.10 MCLARENS TOPLIS CLASSIFIED CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,248: 1m 1f 36yd) (7)

1 1001 TEN PAST SIX 3 (B,C,F,G,S) M Wane 6-9-7 ... O Pears 6
2 1500 GLEN OGIL 6 (C,S) M Channon 4-9-5 ... A Mackay 3
3 4035 GUESSTIMATION 16 (D,F,G,S) J Pearce 9-9-5 ... G Faulkner (5) 1
4 0-20 AFICIONADO 6 (B,G) R Hodges 4-9-1 ... Amanda Sanders 5
5 0-06 WON'T FORGET ME 39 (F) I Semple 3-9-1 ... R Lappin 2
6 4520 HOBART JUNCTION 32 S C Williams 3-8-13 ... G Duffield 4
7 00-6 DOUGS DREAM 54 (B) Mrs A Swinbank 3-7-12 ... T Williams 7

9-4 Guesstimation, 11-4 Hobart Junction, 5-1 Glen Ogil, 6-1 Ten Past Six, 7-1 Aficionado, 10-1 Won't Forget Me, 14-1 Dougs Dream.

9.40 FOUR SEASONS HEALTH & BEAUTY CLINIC MAIDEN HANDICAP
(£2,304: 1m 5f 9yd) (8)

1 0-40 SALSEE LAD 35 I Semple 4-9-10 ... R Lappin 4
2 3556 SILANKKA 9 M Channon 4-9-8 ... A Mackay 6
3 40-0 ES GO 55 R Bastiman 5-8-12 ... G Parkin 7
4 36-0 OCEAN BREEZE 67 (B) J Wainwright 4-8-7 ... O Pears 2
5 0352 LAST LAP 9 (B) T Easterby 3-8-6 ... T Williams 1
6 -050 PRIMATICCIO 13 M Prescott 3-8-0 ... G Duffield 5
7 0030 SWANDALE FLYER 8 N Bycroft 6-7-11 ... J Bramhill 3
8 -500 KEYSER SOZE 25 D Haydn Jones 3-7-10 ... N Kennedy 8

5-2 Primaticcio, 3-1 Last Lap, 9-2 Salsee Lad, 6-1 Ocean Breeze, 7-1 Swandale Flyer, 12-1 Silankka, Es Go, 20-1 Keyser Soze.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: S Williams, 10 winners from 21 runners, 47.6%. M Prescott, 9 from 33, 27.3%; J Pearce, 5 from 20, 25.0%, D Haydn Jones, 13 from 62, 21.0%, P Haslam, 21 from 101, 20.8%, M Johnston, 37 from 182, 20.3%.

JOCKEYS: R Clark, 3 winners from 10 rides, 30.0%; A Mackay, 22 from 117, 18.8%, R Lappin, 7 from 45, 15.6%, N Kennedy, 14 from 92, 15.2%, O Pears, 4 from 27, 14.8%, G Duffield, 12 from 85, 14.1%.

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Awaiting second coming of Zidane

ROB HUGHES



in Paris

WHEN a man is made a sporting god, he often comes crashing down from the rooftops. It happened to Zinedine Zidane, the France playmaker who, having served his two-match suspension for showing petulance similar to that which shamed David Beckham, returns to the Stade de France this evening.

Zidane is thus reprieved within the tournament, whereas poor Beckham must wait until autumn at the earliest before he can begin his atonement for England.

And in the creative mind of Rob de Jong, a Dutch photographer, the image of Zidane as lord of the French domain became startling. De Jong saw a billboard as big as a house in the poorest quarter of St-Denis, where the new national stadium has been built, and from the streets nearby, he took a photograph that gave the impression of Zidane hovering over the rooftops. Moreover, around the corner, was a café, a greasy spoon eating house, owned and run by Algerian immigrants; Zidane is the son of Algerian immigrants, from Marseilles.

So, while Beckham is fighting off photographers in New York, Zidane will today fill their lenses in his attempt to inspire France to victory against Italy in their World Cup quarter-final. It will be a contest of the highest passion, with Zidane, a resident of Turin, where he performs his club duty with Juventus, likely to be marked by Dino Baggio. Some contest that will be, but surely no more intriguing than other head-to-head clashes involving Christian Vieri, the joint leading goalscorer in the tournament with five, against Marcel Desailly, the new Chelsea defender, who has been among the most redoubtable tacklers in the tournament to date.

Lilian Thuram, magnificent for France as an attacking right back, must be disciplined as he seeks to deny freedom of space to Alessandro Del Piero. Paolo Maldini against Thierry Henry is just another of the fascinating duels that will engage the minds of the 80,000 people in the national stadium.

Watching too, but moving every muscle, imagining himself the guardian of every ball, will be Cesare Maldini, the Italy coach and father of Paolo, hoping in his 66th involvement with an Italian national side, to achieve his 39th international victory with a win for the Azzurri of Italy, over "Les Bleus" of France. If it ends in defeat for the host nation, however, you can imagine what disdain France will have for its footballers and above all, for Zidane, the most glittering of them.

Moving north later in the evening, at least one man will project serenity. Bo Johansson, the avuncular coach of Denmark, achieves something we have not seen on any training ground other than his own in this 32-nation event: he puts the smile back on the faces of footballers. The Danes, remarkable for a country of 5.2 million people, are in the quarter-finals, having soundly eliminated Nigeria, and play Brazil in Nantes.

> If the hosts are defeated, just imagine what disdain France will have for its players

On paper, the contest looks one-sided, but there are rifts within the Brazil side and there is a sense of liberation in the Denmark team now that they have exchanged the stern management of Richard Moller-Nielsen with the soothing presence of the Swede, Johansson.

Of course, Johansson relies heavily on the experience of the Laudrup brothers, Michael, the elder, and Brian. How those two toyed with Nigeria, how they exposed the arrogant expectation of surely the most powerful side yet to emerge from Africa, and how they enjoy playing alongside a youngster of the quickness and quality of Martin Jorgensen.

"He's been playing magnificently," Brian Laudrup said. "He has lots of skill, he likes to dribble as well, and we will see him not only on Friday, but in years to come."

Releasing a player such as Jorgensen could unbalance the control that Brazil has so far exercised. For much of their impetus comes from Roberto Carlos, the most dynamic and cavalier left back that the world has seen. How can he forage forward with such freedom when there is a dashing young winger forever seeking the spaces behind him?

Then there is the inevitable contest of mind and body between Peter Schmeichel, for many the finest goalkeeper in the world, and Ronaldo, for almost all the most handsomely gifted striker on the planet.

Ronaldo has scored 29 times in 39 internationals and is hungry to improve that ratio. He has missed training sessions this week because of tendonitis in his left knee, however, which will not prevent him starting, but has visibly inhibited his movement and that precious pace.

It is not Ronaldo, but his strike partner Bebeto, whose form troubles Brazil. Dunga, their captain, became involved in a heated exchange with the forward on the field and is not alone in thinking that the man who was a spearhead of the 1994 World Cup winning team may have been recalled for one tournament too many.

Dunga and Bebeto are the same age, 34, but while Brazil's industrious captain has lost none of his tenacity and his fire for the battle in midfield, Bebeto has failed to read Ronaldo and, despite scoring twice, still failed to impress.

Bebeto has scored 40 times in 70 internationals. I suspect Mario Zagallo, the Brazil coach, who insists that Bebeto still moves splendidly, will again prefer him at the start to Denilson, the coltish winger, who every time he has come on as a substitute, has thrilled the crowd and lifted the team to a new dimension.

Zidane chasing redemption in the afternoon; Ronaldo seeking to fulfil his potential in the evening; what a date to relish and help to make up for England's departure from the tournament.



Zidane's image hovers over the rundown terraced houses of St-Denis like a guardian angel. He carries the nation's hopes tonight as he returns to the France side. Photograph: Rob de Jong

Maldini likely to stick by Del Piero

FROM BRIAN GLANVILLE IN PARIS

ALESSANDRO DEL PIERO will start against the hosts at the Stade de France and Roberto Baggio may or may not replace him at some point in the game. This is said to be the unshakeable decision of Cesare Maldini, the Italy coach. Whether it will prove to be the correct one is debatable.

Del Piero is wholly relaxed about it, seemingly untroubled by the fact that, as he admits, he missed several good chances in Italy's last match, against Norway. "I didn't miss my chances in the second half because the supporters were wanting Baggio," he said. "Scoring against France wouldn't give me back my confidence. It would give me more confidence, which is not the same thing.

"Today, people are saying I'm not the man for the big occasion, because I've lost two European Cup finals with Juventus. But it was not so long ago ... that you were all saying the opposite."

Bold words, but they pose a fundamental question, because Baggio looks a much more dangerous and effective player than Del Piero, a better partner for the powerful Christian Vieri, who is bound to worry the France defence with his power and pace. The French are proud of that defence, even though Laurent Blanc, scorer of their "golden goal" against Paraguay, looked curiously ill at ease in its centre for much of the preceding game.

Vieri hopes that, on the day of the final, he will give himself the finest birthday present conceivable: a victory for Italy, who won the equivalent match here in Paris 60 years ago. "France are strong," Vieri said. "Zidane is a special player, though we can beat them. They will feel the pressure. The way Cesare Maldini likes [is] to boost the attack, but it's the defence which enables you to win."

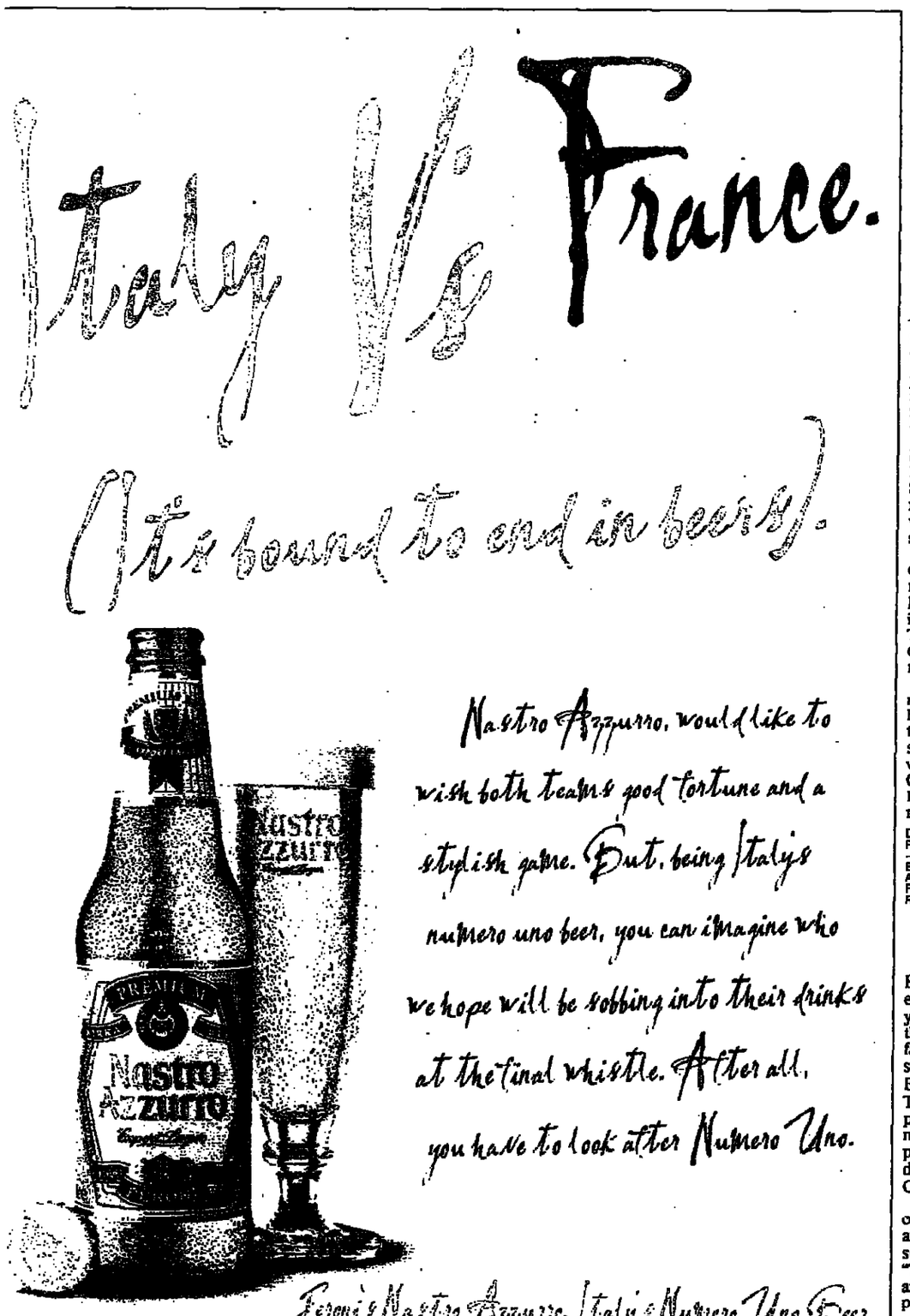
It is a defence that should probably be capable of coping with a France attack that, despite some effective performances against weaker opposition in the earlier games, and some incisive right-wing play by Thierry Henry, looked its old, impotent self against Paraguay. Henry, who faded in that game, has been passed fit after recovering from an ankle injury.

Fabio Cannavaro, who will no doubt be relieved not to face again such a player as Tore Andre Flo — so tall, yet so dangerous on the ground — said: "I'm hoping that the French manager, Jacquet, persists in his mistake. If he played Thuram [Cannavaro's team-mate at Parma] at centre back, Lilian will be the best stopper in the world. Played at right back, he loses 50 per cent of his potential. Better for us, then."

The Italians are curiously confident. Curiously, because they have not played consistently well in any of their four games. They were extremely lucky to save the match against Chile, had a sterile spell against Cameroon's ten men, started slowly against Austria and ultimately lost the plot against Norway. Moreover, Maldini still has problems with his midfield, despite the impressive emergence of Luigi di Biagio.

Demetrio Albertini was given another chance against Norway, but once again failed to take it, even if his was the excellent pass that gave Del Piero one of his three missed opportunities. But whom to put in Albertini's place? Pessotto, the converted wing back, as against Austria, or will Maldini deploy not only Francesco Moriero on the right flank but Moriero's rival, Angelo di Livio, on the opposite side?

Moriero has been a sporadic figure in this tournament, yet Cannavaro sees him as the key man. "I really believe that Moriero is our player who can always come up with new inventions, to give games those moments which can tip the balance," he said. "I think France v Italy is a game tense with emotion. What will decide it will be the incidents. And to bring about the winning incident, all it needs is a contribution from Moriero."



Nastro Azzurro would like to wish both teams good fortune and a stylish game. But, being Italy's numero uno beer, you can imagine who we hope will be sobbing into their drinks at the final whistle. After all, you have to look after Numero Uno.

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Laudrup ready for memorable final departure

FROM DAVID POWELL

MICHAEL LAUDRUP, whose brilliant form against Nigeria in the second round steered Denmark towards the World Cup quarter-finals, plays his last game for his country today. Either that or the tournament will witness its greatest upset.

Surprise results have been scarce. Norway's victory over Brazil was not the shock that it would have been, had the champions not already secured top place in their group, and Denmark's defeat of Nigeria was a minor upset. However, a leading bookmaker has been quoting Denmark at 13-2 against beating Brazil in Nantes this evening.

Laudrup retires from international football after the tournament and will make his 104th appearance today while Peter Schmeichel, the Denmark goalkeeper, makes a record 105th. "Whatever the result, it will be a memorable game for me," Laudrup said yesterday.

This is Denmark's first World Cup quarter-final, Brazil's eleventh. "We will need to close them down because they are lethal on the counter-attack," Leonardo, the inspirational Brazil midfield player, said. Taffarel, the goalkeeper, and Dunga, will equal Jairzinho's national record of 16 matches played in World Cup finals.

The bookmakers may be against Denmark, but history is not. These countries have met three times, Denmark winning twice. "Brazil are a complete team, but we are strong in defence and midfield and perhaps we will be the great surprise of the World Cup, as we were when we won Euro 92," Per Frandsen, the Bolton Wanderers and Denmark midfield player, said.

DENMARK (probable, 4-3-2-1): P Schmeichel — S Colding, M Rieper, J Hogh, J Heintze — M Jorgensen, T Helveg, A Nielsen — B Laudrup, M Laudrup — P Moller.
BRAZIL (probable, 4-4-2): C Taffarel — Cafú, Junior Baiano, Aldair, Roberto Carlos — César Sampaio, Leonardo, Dunga, Rivaldo — Bebeto, Ronaldo.
Referee: G Ghandour (Egypt).

Boghossian in line to take Petit's place

FROM BRIAN GLANVILLE

FRANCE'S hopes of reaching the semi-finals rest heavily on the shoulders of Zinedine Zidane. Guilty of a crude foul in the match against Saudi Arabia, he has missed the past two matches but this should leave him fresher, if slightly short of match practice. The problem for France, though, remains one of relative impotence in attack.

Granted that Zidane, even if Italy mark him as they are expected to do, can provide the passes lacking against Paraguay, who is going to exploit them? David Trezeguet? He has already been complaining of a lack of service from another Frenchman notionally capable of deciding the game, Youri Djorkaeff. But Djorkaeff, he says, may be excused on the grounds that he is really a spearhead player.

Whether Djorkaeff will be used remains in the balance. On Trezeguet, the burden is substantial. "I'm 20 years old," he said, "and I am still learning. We do have great players. We have been trying to go through the middle, when we need to go down the flanks if the space is closed down."

The heart and soul of the France defence is emphatically Marcel Desailly, who has shrugged off his disappointing season with AC Milan to become the central pillar of his team's rearguard. He will be marking Christian Vieri, the competition's joint leading scorer, which is no mean task.

Another fitness worry for France is Emmanuel Petit, who played in that match although he knew beforehand that he had a painful thigh strain. It looks probable that he will give way to Alain Boghossian, who had an excellent season for Sampdoria.

FRANCE (probable, 1-2-5-2): F Barthez — L Blanc — L Thuram, M Desailly — T Henry (or R Pires), D Deschamps, A Boghossian (or E Petit), Z Zidane, B Lizarazu — D Trezeguet, Y Djorkaeff.
ITALY (probable; 1-2-5-2): G Pagliuca — G Bergomi — A Costacurta, F Cannavaro — F Moriero, L di Biagio, D Baggio, G Pessotto (or A di Livio), P Maldini — C Vieri, R Baggio.
Referee: H Dallas (Scotland)

Fifa positive about test results

FIFA, the sport's world governing body, moved swiftly yesterday to quash rumours that an Argentina player had failed a drugs test, after the second round match against England in Saint-Etienne on Tuesday night. Keith Cooper, Fifa's director of communications, said: "No player has tested positive for drugs during this World Cup."

Two players from each country have been tested after each of the group and second-round matches. "That adds up to 224 tests and not one has proved positive," Cooper said.

Ariel Ortega and Matias Almeyda, of Argentina, and Graeme Le Saux and Alan Shearer, of England, were tested on Tuesday night.

WORLD CUP DIARY

ERIC CANTONA, the former Manchester United striker, is to play in a charity match in Paris on July 11 in aid of the family of the gendarme who was seriously injured during rioting by German hooligans in Lens.

FOR once, Kenny Dalglish, the Newcastle United manager, may be right to claim that he has been misquoted. On the France 98 website, after the England defeat, he was reported as saying: "I'm English so I'm very disappointed."

AMID the outpouring of emotion on Tuesday night, the wailing of BBC executives was possibly the most audible. Not so much that ITV had probably attracted a viewing record of 26 million, but because the corporation had almost certainly lost the chance of winning the ratings war. The Beeb had first choice of the quarter-finals, and would have chosen England. Now it has little chance of usurping ITV.



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BOWLS

Victories by England and Wales stir series

BY DAVID RHYS JONES

UNEXPECTED victories for England, who beat the defending champions, Scotland 138-101, and Wales, who defeated Ireland 123-101, opened up the home international series at Ayr Northfield yesterday.

Scotland, England and Ireland have everything to play for today. England, four points adrift of the Scots, but two ahead of Ireland, have an excellent chance of boosting their points total against the Channel Islands, who have won only two rinks in three matches.

For England, David Cutler scored a massive 29-8 win over Willie Wood, who will be making his 100th international appearance for Scotland today, while Danny Denison skipped his rink to a 26-16 win over Richard Corsie.

Ireland, who beat England on Monday, managed to return only one winning card against Wales, and seem to have blown their chances.

Earlier, Neil Chandler, from the Victory Park club, Stroud, had won the British Isles Under-25 singles title, beating Neil Mollet, of Guernsey, 21-18, in the final.

Chandler, who led 9-4 after nine ends, was caught at 14-14 before he got home with a double and a single.

UNDER-25 SINGLES: Semi-final: N Mollet (Guernsey, Cl) bt C Murray (Riccarton, Scotland) 21-19. Final: N Chandler (Victory Park, Stroud, England) bt Mollet 21-18.
Home international series: England bt Scotland 138-101 (England skips first) D Denison 26, R Corsie 16, D Holt 19, A Marshall 18; J Leeman 18, G Adrain 19, A Allcock 32, J Aitken 22, A Thomson 14, G Archer 18; D Cutler 29, W Wood 8.
Wales bt Ireland 123-101 (Wales skips first) M Ansley 23, G Scott 17, R Weale 20, P Smyth 12, J Price 16, G McClory 26, S Wilshire 20, J Baker 16, D Wilkins 20, S Allen 11.

GOLF

Montgomerie thrives on Irish challenge

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, AT DRUID'S GLEN

TO HAVE observed Colin Montgomerie in the US Open two weeks ago and the Murphy's Irish Open yesterday is to be reminded of the extremities between which Europe's leading golfer swings. On the uneven slopes of the Olympic Club in San Francisco, Montgomerie often looked fidgety and ill at ease and he was the object of some graceless and inaccurate attacks both in print and in voice. Not surprisingly his golf was not at perfect pitch.

At Druid's Glen in Newtownmountkennedy, a mouthful of a place 20 miles south of Dublin, the man who had competed in the US Open had been replaced by a happy and relaxed model. Whereas in San Francisco Montgomerie appeared to have every care in the world, particularly on the Friday afternoon when he was heckled, here he looked like a man out for a friendly three-ball in the club's monthly medal.

Later, on the practice ground, to where he repaired after his round of 65, good enough to give him a three-stroke lead, he tried out several drivers with 7½ degrees of loft. As he did so, there was banter with those around him, both at his expense and generated by him.

It helped Montgomerie's demeanour on the first day of this event that he was playing just about as well as he could. He needed to, because Pat Ruddy had lengthened the course he designed to more than 7,000 yards. The fairways have been narrowed and the rough, nourished by spring rain, is penal.

Though Montgomerie hit his opening drive into the rough, that was the last mistake that would cost him a stroke. A missed putt from eight feet on this hole might have brought on a display of grumpiness but the sight of Padraig Harrington, one playing partner, three-putting from three feet on the same hole probably put Montgomerie's miss into perspective.

If that did not, then some of Harrington's or Severiano Ballesteros's travails later on probably did. Ballesteros had a nine on the par-five 13th and a six on the 15th, two of the more difficult holes, before blazing home with birdies on the 16th and 18th for a 78. Harrington, however, continues to struggle. "I did not swing very well, did not chip very well and was very weak mentally," Harrington said after his 81, ten over par.

Montgomerie drove long and straight with the three-wood, which has a loft of only 13 degrees and which he used on all but two of the driving holes. On both the 15th and 18th, he hit his tee-shots with this club nearly 290 yards. But it is not just with his woods that he has found extra length as he hit a seven-iron nearly 200 yards on the 5th.

One man whose play approached the quality of Montgomerie's was Sergio Garcia, the amateur, who somehow gouged five birdies from the rock-face of eight holes starting at the 11th and had two more later on. Garcia had successive bogeys near the end of his round that rather took the bloom from his score but a 68 was, nevertheless, exceptional scoring by the 18-year-old.

"He seems to be semi-pro already," Montgomerie said of Garcia. "I don't think he goes to school very often." Garcia formally left school two weeks ago but missed the last month of term in order to compete in the Amateur, which he won, and in the United States. The world appears to be at his feet, just as it was, on this day at least, for Montgomerie.



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Montgomerie plays his second shot on the 1st out of the rough in his round of 65 at Druid's Glen yesterday

Dogged Davies takes early lead

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN KOHLER, WISCONSIN

LAURA DAVIES is great because she does things her way. Yesterday, in the early stages of the first round of the US Women's Open Championship here at Blackwolf Run, she had a birdie three at the last hole to finish with a 68, three under par. On a course to rank with the toughest, she led by a shot from Leslie Spalding, of Billings, Montana, and Se Ri Pak, of South Korea.

It was encouraging to see Mhairi McKay, the Stanford-educated Scot from Turnberry, return a 72. A qualifier who has been struggling in her first season on the US tour, McKay three-putted four times and dropped a shot at the last, but compensated with birdies at the 5th, 6th, 16th and 17th.

Davies has spent most of the year moaning about her putting and how short the courses were becoming. She had been performing so badly that her form was non-existent. In her previous six outings in the United States she had missed the cut four times, with her best finish a share of 28th place. "What's wrong with Laura?" was a recurring question, but on the early evidence yesterday the answer was: "Not much".

Clad in her trademark black, Davies loped out ahead of the field with birdies at the 5th, a par-four that caused others a lot of trouble, at the short 6th and at the 10th, one of the par-fives that are endearing this course to the Englishwoman, whose big hitting is one of her fortes.

"It's very generous off the tee, which is good for me," she said. "There is also a high percentage in accuracy with your irons into the green and I always pride myself on being pretty good with my irons. I like the way the course sets up and it is great to be back on fast, undulating greens."

Alison Nicholas, the defending champion, was five over par with two to play, having fallen foul of the 5th, where she had a double bogey six. There is a stream snaking its way around the green — although not in front — and there is little margin for error. Nicholas hit her second shot into the water on the left, moments after Liselotte Neumann, her Solheim Cup colleague from Sweden, had gone into the water on the right.

Neumann also took six to go to one over, but Annika Sorenstam, her fellow Swede, took seven to splash to two over. No wonder the hole is a happy hunting ground for the chocolate labrador and perky beagle that snuffle out thousands of balls for the man who operates the lucrative lost-ball concession here.

EARLY LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES (US unless stated) 68: L Davies (GB) 68: L Spalding, Se Ri Pak (S Kor), 70: J Gallagher-Smith, B Mucha, D Andrews 71: D Coe-Jones (Can), D Eggeling 72: C Koch (Swe), M McKay (GB) 73: A Finney, T-J Myers 74: M Lunn (Aus), G Graham (Can) 75: M Estill, C Matthew (GB) 76: M-J Rouseau (Can), T Tombs, *C Semple Thompson, K Robbins, 77: C McCurdy, P Sinn 78: *C Hannemann (Br), V Fergon 79: *V Derby Grimes 83: L Sugg.
* denotes amateur

SPORT IN BRIEF

Evans wins damages from Merle

RICKY EVANS, the former Wales prop forward, has won his legal battle for damages against Olivier Merle, the France lock. Evans, will receive an interim payment of more than £5,000 for injuries that, Evans claims, ruined his rugby union career.

Merle was seen to head-butt Evans during a Five Nations Championship match in Paris in January 1995 causing him to fall and sustain severe ankle damage.

☐ Pat Howard, the former Australia international, said yesterday that he will join Leicester next month. Graham Henry, the New Zealander tipped to take over as Wales coach, said he would not be taking the job.

■ **ATHLETICS: Colin Jackson recorded his fastest time of the season in the 110 metres hurdles at a meeting in Italy. Jackson, the world record-holder, won his ninth successive race in 13.10sec, the third fastest time this year.**

■ **CYCLING:** Chris Boardman has pulled out of the national road-race championship in Solihull on Sunday in an attempt to improve his chances of winning the Tour de France prologue time-trial, in Dublin on July 11.

■ **CRICKET: The England ECB XI beat Scotland by two runs at Hamilton Crescent to win the triple crown for the first time since 1993. Ireland finished second, condemning Wales to the wooden spoon with a 17-run victory.**

FOR THE RECORD

CRICKET

Wednesday's late scoreboard

Axa League

Warwickshire v Lancashire

EDGBASTON (Warwickshire won toss): Warwickshire (4pts) beat Lancashire by 27 runs

WARWICKSHIRE

M A Sheikh c Crawley b Martin	2
N M K Smith run out	47
*B C Lara c Martin b Yates	60
D P Ostler b Yates	9
T L Penney not out	19
D L Hemp not out	27
Extras (b 4, lb 7, w 4, nb 2)	17
Total (4 wkts, 40 overs)	181

D R Brown, G Welch, G C Small, †K J Piper and E S H Giddins did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-116, 3-125, 4-131
BOWLING: Martin 8-1-35-1, Austin 6-0-8-0; Wasim Akram 7-0-40-0, Chapple 5-0-33-0, Yates 8-0-26-2, Watkinson 8-0-28-0.

LANCASHIRE

A Flintoft c Hemp b Welch	6
P C McKeown run out	1
†J P Crawley run out	8
G D Lloyd b Sheikh	38
M E Harvey c Ostler b Brown	39
M Watkinson c Brown b Giddins	32
*Wasim Akram c Giddins b Brown	8
I D Austin b Sheikh	1
G Yates c Piper b Sheikh	0
G Chapple run out	3
P J Martin not out	3
Extras (b 1, lb 14, w 2)	17
Total (37.4 overs)	154

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-11, 3-15, 4-80, 5-118, 6-133, 7-137, 8-137, 9-145
BOWLING: Welch 8-1-22-1; Giddins 5-4-3-1, Small 6-0-25-0; Brown 7-0-41-2; Sheikh 8-0-32-3, Smith 3-0-10-0
Umpires: J C Balderstone and A A Jones
TRIPLE CROWN TOURNAMENT: Grasshoppers: Scotland 180-9 (50 overs; B Patterson 79), Ireland 151 (49.2 overs; P Gillespie 55) Scotland beat Ireland by nine runs.

Partick: England ECB XI 271-5 (50 overs; M Roberts 93, S Foster 77). Wales 127 (43.4 overs, C Bagnall 4-12) England beat Wales by 144 runs.
SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Final day of four: Bristol: Somerset 419 and 267-8 dec. Gloucestershire 214 and 473-8 (G I Macmillan 101, R C J Williams 86 not out, M J Cawdron 72). Gloucestershire won by two wickets. Second day of four: Harrogate: Worcestershire 233 (D Catterall 58 not out; M J Hoggard 7-63); Yorkshire 113-4 (S Widdup 78 not out). Second day of three: Harrow: Middlesex v Kent. No play, waterlogged pitch. Wickford: Essex 215 (C Wam 62 not out, G Napier 57; S Francis 4-67) and 108-3 (T Hodgson 51 not out); Hampshire 423-7 dec (J Laney 241, M Garnsey 59). Abergavenny: Leicestershire 186 and 271-8 (D Williamson 88, T J Mason 55); Glamorgan 164 (R D Lupton 51). Collingham: Durham 155 (M N Bowen 4-25); Nottinghamshire 123-1 (M P Dowman 65 not out, N A Gie 51 not out). The Oval: Sussex 426 (J R Carpenter 99, K Greenfield 93; M A V Bell 4-99, R M Amin 4-124); Surrey 188 (G J Batty 61; J J Bates 4-46) and 9-2.
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of two): March: Cambridgeshire 201-4 (S Mohammed 87) and 35-2; Staffordshire 223-5 (S J Dean 131 not out).
INTER-COUNTY MATCHES: Under-16: Lincolnshire 179 Staffordshire 180-9. Staffordshire won by one wicket. Under-15: Buckinghamshire 113 Berkshire 114-7. Berkshire won by three wickets. Under-11: Lancashire 132-4 Nottinghamshire 68. Lancashire won by 64 runs. Under-12: Nottinghamshire 123-7 Staffordshire 124-3. Staffordshire won by seven wickets.

ATHLETICS

TURKU, Finland: Paavo Nurmi International meeting: Men: 100m: 1, L Myles-Mills (Gha) 10.26sec. 200m: 1, G Moen (Nor) 20.77sec; 2, J Golding (GB) 20.95; 3, J Regis (GB) 21.06. 800m: 1, W Kinea (Fin) 1min 48.77sec. 5,000m: 1, T Takaoka (Japan) 13min 31.40sec. 110m hurdles: 1, A Jarrett (GB) 13.25sec. Pole vault: 1, P Kristiansson (Swe) 5.50m. Shot: 1, A Haru (Fin) 20.82m. Discus: 1, T Tompum (Fin) 60.42m. Women: 100m hurdles: 1, T Lott (US) 13.23sec. 400m hurdles: 1, P Soederstroem (Fin) 57.04sec. Discus: 1, T Kankaanpaese (Fin) 58.94m.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago Cubs 6 Arizona 4.
INTER-LEAGUE MATCHES: Toronto 15 New York Mets 10, San Diego 8 Oakland 4, Boston 8 Montreal 1, Minnesota 2 Cincinnati 1, Detroit 9 Pittsburgh 1, Atlanta 5 Tampa Bay 5; Florida 5 Baltimore 3; Cleveland 5 Milwaukee 2, New York Yankees 5 Philadelphia 2, Houston 10 Chicago White Sox 4; Kansas City 6 St Louis 4, Los Angeles 7 Texas 5; San Francisco 6 Anaheim 3 (10inns), Seattle 9 Colorado 5.

BOWLS

AYR NORTHFIELD: British junior singles championship: Final: N Chandler (Eng) bt N Mollet (Channel Islands) 21-18.

FOOTBALL

THE WORTHINGTON CUP: First-round draw: Huddersfield Town v Mansfield Town, Bolton Wanderers v Hartlepool United, Wigan Athletic v Rochdale; Wrexham v Halifax Town; Tranmere Rovers v Carlisle United, Notts County v Manchester City; Grimsby Town v Preston North End; Darlington v Sheffield United; Oldham Athletic v Crewe Alexandra; Bury v Burnley; Blackpool v Scunthorpe United; Macclesfield Town v Stoke City; Scarborough v Barnsley; Port Vale v Chester City; York City v Sunderland; Rotherham United v Chesterfield; Stockport County v Hull City; Bradford City v Lincoln City; Walsall v Queens Park Rangers; Bournemouth v Colchester United; Plymouth Argyle v Portsmouth; Birmingham City v Millwall; Bristol City v Shrewsbury Town; Southend United v Gillingham; West Bromwich Albion v Brentford; Barnet v Wolverhampton Wanderers; Luton Town v Oxford United; Swindon Town v Wycombe Wanderers; Leyton Orient v Bristol Rovers; Fulham v Cardiff City; Swansea City v Norwich City; Exeter City v Ipswich Town; Torquay United v Crystal Palace; Northampton Town v Brighton and Hove Albion; Peterborough United v Reading; Cambridge United v Watford.
☐ First leg to be played during the week commencing August 10, second leg to be played during the week commencing August 17.

GOLF

DRUID'S GLEN, County Wicklow: Murphy's Irish Open: Leading first-round scores (Great Britain and Ireland unless stated): 65: C Montgomerie. 68: S Ames (Trn), S Garcia (Sp), S Richardson, M Davis, D Lynn, D Carter. 69: G Chalmers (Aus), J Rivero (Sp), P Baker, J Sandelin (Swe), P Lonard (Aus), F Tarnaud (Fr), S Allan (Aus). 70: L Westwood, P Affleck, R Muntz (Holl), P Price, K Tomori (Japan), G Orr, C Hainline (US), B Lane, J McHenry, P Broadhurst. 71: J Payne, V Phillips, A Johnstone (Zim), O Edmond (Fr), R Clayton, M Goggin (Aus), K Nolan, K Eriksson (Swe), M McNulty (Zim), E Els (SA), S Torrance, R Green (Aus), S Webster, M A Jiménez (Sp), B Davis. 72: A Coltart, C Watts, M Gronberg (Swe), P Quirici (Switz), J Spence, H P Thul (Ger), I Pyman, A Cejka (Ger), S Struver (Ger), C Suneson (Sp), W Riley (Aus), S Field. 73: F Jacobson (Swe), P Walton, I Woosnam, D Gilford, I Gerbout, D Cooper, J van de Velde (Fr), N Fasth (Swe), M Mackenzie, D Tapping, R Chapman, R Giles, P McGinley, J M Olazábal (Sp), P Hedblom (Swe), P Haugsrud (Nor), R Allenby (Aus).
PRINCES: Mastercard Challenge: Leaders after three rounds: 207: R Johnson (Vale of Glamorgan) 71, 66, 70. 209: R Bland (Stoneham) 68, 69, 72. 211: R Lee (unattached) 74, 69, 68; D Park (Burghill Valley) 71, 68, 72. 212: R Winchester (Woodcote Group) 71, 72, 69; S Wilkinson (unattached) 72, 67, 73; A Tillman (Wilderness) 70, 72, 70; B Nelson (US) 68, 74, 70.

RUGBY LEAGUE

MASON COMMUNICATIONS STUDENT CHAMPIONSHIP: Scotland 10 Wales 60; England 21 Ireland 11.

SAILING

FOWEY: Stiff world championships: Fifth race: 1, Burgs (GB, I Southworth). 2, R Ellis (Aus, S Quigley); 3, Smeg (Aus, T Barnebas). Overall positions: 1, Richard Ellis, 2, Burgs; 3, Allegro (Aus, P Sorensen).

SHOOTING

BISLEY: Army Championship: The Queen's Medal: 1, L/Cpl G Dilip (Royal Gurkha Rifles) 700/48; 2, Cpl B Lall (Gurkha Training Wing) 700/34; 3, L/Cpl B Chalek (1 RGR) 684. Overseas forces: 1, Cpl Rashid (Oman) 682; 2, WO2 Said (Oman) 668; 3, Cpl Salim (Oman) 661. RAF Championships: Service rifle, stage two: 1, F/Lt L Smith (Coningsby) 398; 2, Sgt J Proctor (Bruggen) 352; 3, F/Sgt B Vick (Honington) 350. Royal Navy: Keymer Cup: 1, Cdr I Danbury (Plymouth) 979; 2, CPO J Crawford (Air) 976; 3, WEM G Cartledge (Plymouth) 969.

SPEEDWAY

ELITE LEAGUE: Poole 26 Ipswich 64; King's Lynn 41 Belle Vue 49.

FIXTURES

CRICKET

Third Cornhill Test match
11.0, second day of five, 90 overs minimum
OLD TRAFFORD: England v South Africa

Britannic Assurance county championship
11.0, third day of four 104 overs minimum
DERBY: Derbyshire v Essex
DARLINGTON: Durham v Leicestershire
SWANSEA: Glamorgan v Surrey
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Gloucestershire
MAIDSTONE: Kent v Yorkshire
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Middlesex
1.0, third day of four 104 overs minimum
HOVE: Sussex v Somerset

University match
11.0, final day of three
LORD'S: Oxford v Cambridge

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Final day of four: Northampton: Northamptonshire v Warwickshire. Harrogate: Yorkshire v Worcestershire. Final day of three: Wickford: Essex v Hampshire. Abergavenny: Glamorgan v Leicestershire. Harrow: Middlesex v Kent. Collingham: Nottinghamshire v Durham. The Oval: Surrey v Sussex.
AON TROPHY (one day): Taunton: Somerset v Gloucestershire.

RUGBY LEAGUE

JJB Super League
Leeds v Bradford (7.45)
Sheffield v Castleford (7.30)

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Men's home Internationals and British championships (at Ayr Northfield)
GOLF: Murphy's Irish Open (at Druid's Glen, County Wicklow).
MOTORCYCLING: British Grand Prix (at Donington Park).
ROWING: Henley Regatta.
SPEEDWAY: Elite League: Belle Vue v Eastbourne; Oxford v Swindon (7.45). Premier League: Arena Essex v Berwick (8.00); Edinburgh v Exeter (7.30); Isle of Wight v Reading (7.30); Peterborough v Newport (7.45)
TENNIS: All England Championships (at Wimbledon)
PREMIER LEAGUE: Hull 53 Arena Essex 37.

TENNIS

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Youll Cup: Third round: Millfield 2 Eton 0; Radley 2 Cheltenham 0; Sevenoaks 2 Wellingborough 0; Bradfield 2 UCS 0; Colston's 2 Epsom 1; KES Birmingham 2 Bradford 0; King's, Macclesfield 2 St George's 1; Repton 2 Abingdon 0. Quarter-finals: Millfield 2 Radley 0; Sevenoaks 2 Bradfield 1; KES Birmingham 2 Colston's 0; Repton 2 King's, Macclesfield 0. Semi-finals: Sevenoaks bt Millfield 2-1; Repton bt KES Birmingham 2-0. Final: Repton bt Sevenoaks 2-0.

WORD WATCHING

Answers from page 44

TURBA
(c) A name given to the chorus in Passions and other religious oratorios in which crowds participate in the action. The word means "a crowd" in Latin. "It is a work with fantastic turbae, the crowds, as in the Passions."

VISKING
(b) A proprietary name for seamless cellulose tubing used as membranes in dialysis and as edible casings for sausages. 1931, *Trade Marks Journal*: "Visking casing. Sausage casings made of cellulose. The Visking Corporation, Chicago, Illinois, United States of America, manufacturers."

WISHRAM
(b) (A member of) an American Indian people living in the southern part of the state of Washington. Also the language spoken by this people, a dialect of Upper Chinook. " 'Cussing out', a Wishram Chinook's English label for a class of aboriginal speech events."

SEA MONKEY
(a) A heraldic animal which is part animal, part fish. A. C. Fox-Davies, *A Complete Guide to Heraldry*, 1909: "It may be as well to allude to the asserted heraldic existence of the sea-monkey, though I am not aware of any instance in which it is borne."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1, Rh8+! Bxh8; 2, Rxh8+ Kxh8; 3, Qh6+ Nh7; 4, Nf6 and mate follows.

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CRICKET

Last-wicket pair show up specialists

BY IVO TENNANT

MAIDSTONE (second day of four): Yorkshire have a first innings lead of 258 runs over Kent

THERE was much exemplary cricket played at The Mote yesterday, and virtually all of it by Yorkshire. Declaring shortly before lunch, they reduced Kent to 99 for nine and, in spite of a last-wicket partnership of the kind that perplexes specialist batsmen — 66 between Ben Phillips and Min Patel — bowled them out for 165. Kent will almost certainly be asked to follow on this morning.

The ball moved off the pitch and swung as well, but not extravagantly so. Kent are performing, in the county championship at least, as if they have not overcome their dejection at having finished runners-up in three competitions last season. They will need to bat a great deal better today to improve their poor record against Yorkshire on their own grounds.

Yorkshire, by contrast, batted like free spirits. Lehmann added only 16 to his overnight century before an attempted pull off McCague lobbed up to mid-on, but there were some jaunty hitters to come. His partnership of 174 with Hamilton was, incidentally, the first of any magnitude by two cricketers born outside the county (Australia and Scotland in this case) in Yorkshire's history.

Just as disconcerting for Kent was the manner in which Silverwood and Stemp then added an unbroken 109 for the eighth wicket. They did so with scant respect for reputation or, indeed, the conditions. Hooper's off spin was rudely treated. Stemp driving him over the the sightscreen as 14 came from one over. No chances were offered.

When the declaration came, Silverwood had struck 57 off 71 balls with eight fours and Stemp 43 off 75 balls. They have not batted better in first-class cricket this season. There has been, too, considerable support for Yorkshire on this lovely ground over the last two days, amid excellent crowds. It is the most compelling of several reasons for Kent to maintain a festival week at what, contrary to common belief, is their county town.

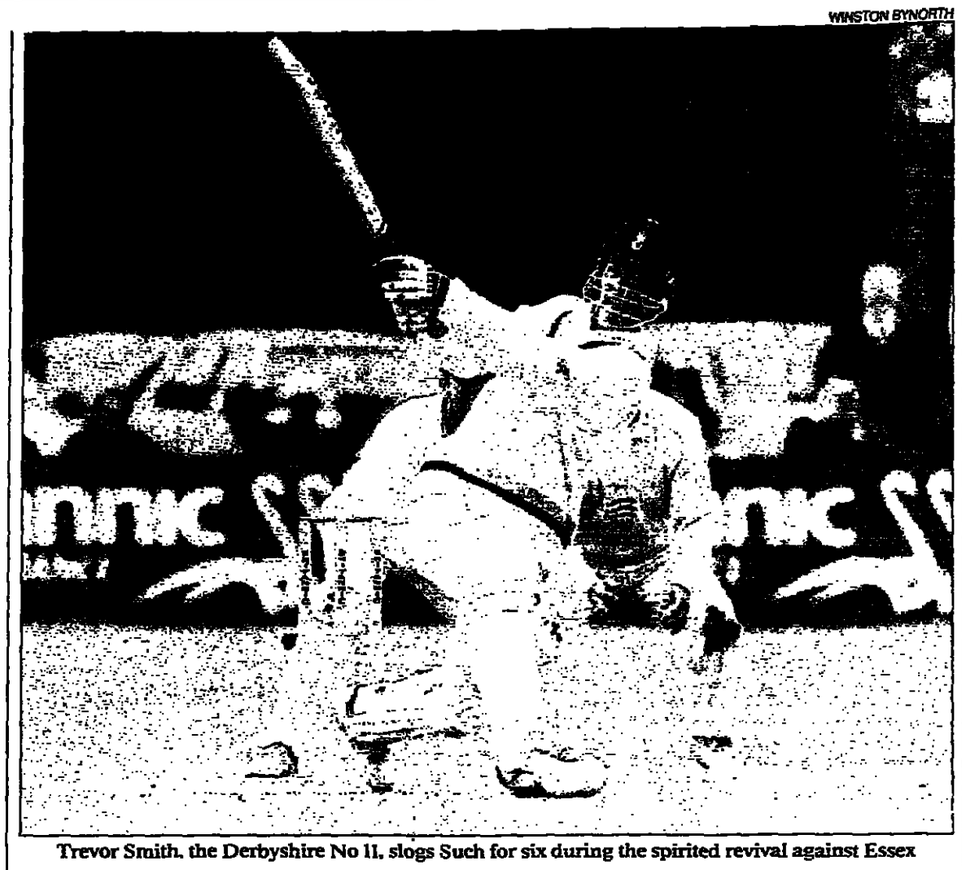
Kent's batting was pretty dismal, albeit in the face of accurate and testing spells from Silverwood and Hutchison, who accounted for the upper order at a cost of just 30 runs. Key was leg-before on the stroke of lunch and Ward followed in the same manner shortly afterwards. The middle order of Hooper, Wells and Ealham did not contribute at all.

Hooper, who seems to make either a huge score or virtually nothing, attempted to pull the third ball he received, from Silverwood, through mid-wicket. It was not short enough for the shot, at least not so early in an innings, and the ball was miscued in a gentle arc to mid-on. Wells was bowled, beaten for pace. Ealham went immediately, taken behind off one that moved away, and Fleming only just averted Hutchison's hat-trick ball.

Fulton, having survived for 21 overs, shouldered arms when Stemp came on and was bowled by a ball that hit the base of his stumps. Marsh drove over one from Hamilton, searching for the length, and although Fleming came up with some typically bold drives and pulls, Kent had collapsed to 99-9 when Sidebottom cut back the first two balls of his initial over and had both him and McCague leg-before.

As so often occurs, the last-wicket pair struck the ball without the inhibition of those who had gone before. Phillips and Patel collected their runs by simple adherence to driving anything pitched up. Seventeen overs were lost to rain around tea-time and it was not until the end of the day that Yorkshire bowled Kent out. Byas will delay his decision over the follow-on until he has taken a look at the weather this morning.

WINSTON BYNORTH



Trevor Smith, the Derbyshire No 11, slogs Such for six during the spirited revival against Essex

Essex undermined by Smith

DERBY (second day of four): Essex, with six second-innings wickets in hand, need 233 runs to beat Derbyshire

BY MICHAEL AUSTIN

AFTER the mayhem of the opening day, when 23 wickets fell, batting resolution returned yesterday to confirm the innocence of the pitch. Derbyshire, benefiting from the authority of their lower order, scaled the peaks of 300-plus before the Essex batsmen struggled to regain their own self-esteem.

As Derbyshire's last three wickets added 128 runs, through the callow but determined efforts of Cassar, Spendlove, Roberts, Dean and Trevor Smith, the Essex bowlers, Cowan in particular, lost rhythm and four catches of varying difficulty were dropped.

After Barnett was leg-before to make the score 142 for four, Cassar, who had shared a partnership of 91 with him, went on to make the only half-century of the match so far. The ninth and tenth wickets both produced 53 runs as Roberts supplemented his first-innings 30 with an equally stubborn 45 and Dean and Smith achieved career-bests.

The catalogue of missed catches included Peters putting down Barnett when he was 31, Robinson fumbling a chance at first slip offered by Cassar and Such dropping a sharp return from Smith.

When Essex began their second innings with more than seven sessions available in which to score 326, Smith, right-arm fast-medium, took four for 21, another career-best.

When Essex were bowled out for 64 in their first innings, it was their lowest total since they were dismissed for 96, also at Derby, six years ago. They eventually won that remarkable match by scoring 442 for six, the third-highest fourth innings total to win a championship game.

Graham Gooch regarded that victory as his most satisfying in the competition but a repeat seemed highly improbable when Essex slipped from 30 without loss to 39 for three as Smith, 21, swung the ball menacingly.

Robinson was caught at the wicket. Prichard held in the gully and Stuart Law brilliantly taking by the diving Roberts, who is having a game to remember. Law awaited confirmation that the catch was legitimate, which did not endear him to the Derbyshire zealots in the crowd.

After Irani had departed leg-before, Essex called upon Such as nightwatchman. His vigilance was as impressive as that of Ray Julian, the umpire, who called a no-ball when Roberts bowled with three fielders behind square leg.

Grayson battled away and much depends on him if Essex are to have any hope of forcing a win that looked almost inevitable on the first morning.

Adams gives excellent value

HOVE (second day of four): Sussex, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are four runs behind Somerset

BY JOHN STERN

IT WAS Chris Adams's former Derbyshire colleague, Dominic Cork, who was famously labelled a "show pony" by Geoff Boycott last season. However, Adams, the Sussex captain, is not shy of striking a pose himself.

Whenever he sent the ball to the cover boundary yesterday — and this was a regular occurrence during his third century of the season — he would hold the driving pose for a couple of seconds. Whether there is a method behind this mild and harmless bit of ostentation is irrelevant. It all added to the substantial entertainment value of Adams's innings, which lasted only 125 balls and contained 16 fours and a six.

Adams's innings was marvellously positive and his partnership of 165 with Mark Newell, of which Adams made 102, set Sussex on the way to a first-innings lead. Adams ought to have gone on but tried to force Pierson, the off spinner, off the back foot and was caught behind. The ball before, Newell, who had been admirably and correctly restrained during his captain's barrage, had reached fifty.

Newell was joined by Bevan, fresh from an unbeaten 149 at Leicester, and the two simply carried on in an unhurried, uncomplicated way, showing the impressive resolve that has been a hallmark of the new Sussex this season.

Bevan actually reached his fifty before Newell brought up his five-hour century and the two were comfortable enough to decline an offer for bad light just after the new ball had been taken. Soon enough, though, the umpires made up the batsmens' minds, leaving Sussex 326 for three with 13 overs still to be bowled.

Weston's innings carries day

WORCESTER (second day of four): Worcestershire (20pts) beat Northamptonshire (4) by 157 runs

BY THRASY PETROPOULOS

THE England and Wales Cricket Board wasted little time confirming that the pitch at New Road was satisfactory for first-class cricket yesterday. Few, however, would have predicted that the remaining 19 wickets would fall by the close and that the game would finish inside two days.

Certainly Worcestershire would not have expected victory by such a margin after they were dismissed for 136 shortly after lunch on Wednesday. The occasional ball did lift alarmingly but there was nothing more devilish in the conditions than swing and movement off the seam.

Only Philip Weston, who carried his bat for the second time in his career, showed the necessary temperament required to score runs. In the end, that was the difference between the sides.

Tom Moody briefly threatened to hit Worcestershire into a position of dominance. One extraordinary pull off Malcolm passed between the bowler and mid-on at a height of no more than 10 feet, and almost carried for six. An effort to repeat the stroke, however, landed in Bailey's hands at mid-on.

This was not a match for extravagant stroke-play and Weston was in his element. His 91 not out was largely a defensive innings, although he still managed to hit 16 fours and a six over long-on.

Something similar was needed from Northamptonshire but Phil Newport took the first three wickets for three runs in eight overs before tea with the new ball. Once Bailey, who hung around for 2¼ hours for his 24, was prised out by Moody, it was left to Chapman to run through the tail.

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6/4 Argentina 13/8 Holland 15/8 Draw

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FOOTBALL: DEFENDER ENDS WAIT FOR SHEFFIELD UNITED MANAGER'S JOB

Bruce installed at Bramall Lane

BY DAVID MADDOCK

STEVE BRUCE was named as Sheffield United manager yesterday after what he described, in amused tones, as "protracted" negotiations. It is nearly three years since he first discussed the possibility of taking the job with Mike McDonald, the club's owner.

Bruce, a former Manchester United centre back, will also play for at least one season with the Nationwide League first division club. The 37-year-old has signed a three-year contract worth around £1 million.

"There have been other job offers, but this is the one I have kept my eye on all along," Bruce said. "To be honest, it was years ago that I was first interested in it. It is a big-city club with good facilities and a marvellous support. I think there is the potential to get into the Premiership, and that is what I will set out to achieve."

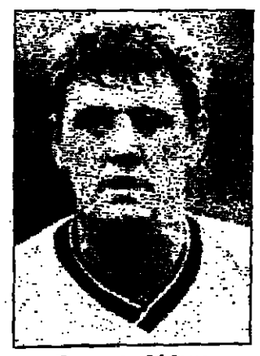
However, there must be a doubt about United's ability to compete financially with other clubs chasing a Premiership place. Last season, when they reached the play-offs, they were forced to sell their best players despite a lucrative run to the FA Cup semi-finals. That policy appears to have been maintained this summer, with Wayne Quinn, their England Under-21 left wing back, holding talks with Newcastle United before a medical problem scuppered the deal.

But Bruce remains confident that money will be available. "I wouldn't have come here if there wasn't," he said. "That was part of the deal. There is money available and I have my eyes on certain players, but everyone at the club will be given a chance." One intriguing possibility is that Mark Hughes — a former Old Trafford team-mate — will join Bruce as player-coach from Chelsea.

United were drawn against Darlington yesterday in the first round of the Worthington Cup, the latest name for the League Cup. The brewers, Bass, have agreed a £23 million, five-year deal to take over sponsorship from Coca-Cola. The highlight of the draw was Manchester City's tie against Notts County, who will host the first leg.

Steve Staunton has completed his return to Liverpool after seven years with Aston Villa. Staunton, 29, has signed a four-year deal after securing a free transfer under the Bosman ruling. The Republic of Ireland defender played 90 games for the Anfield club.

Bolton Wanderers, aiming for an immediate return to the Premiership, have signed Claus Jensen, the Denmark Under-21 midfield player, from Lyngby for £1.6 million. The acquisition comes the day after Colin Todd, the Bolton manager, brought Ricardo Gardner, a key player for Jamaica at the World Cup finals, to the Reebok Stadium.



Bruce: ambitious

Sunderland yesterday signed Thomas Sorensen, the Denmark Under-21 goalkeeper, for £1 million from Odense. Peter Reid, the Sunderland manager, said: "Thomas has all the attributes to be a really top-class keeper. I've got a good feeling about him."

Terry Venables, the new Crystal Palace manager, has signed David Amsalem, the Israel defender, from Beitar Jerusalem, along with Dean Austin, the Tottenham Hotspur defender, on a free transfer. Spurs have also allowed David Howells to move to Southampton on a free transfer. Mark Kinsella has signed a new five-year contract with Charlton Athletic, who were promoted to the Premiership last season.

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FRANCE	SCORE TO BE	ITALY
11/2	...1-0...	6/1
9/1	...2-0...	11/1
9/1	...2-1...	10/1
22/1	...3-0...	33/1
20/1	...3-1...	28/1
33/1	...3-2...	33/1
9/2	...0-0...	9/2
5/1	...1-1...	5/1
18/1	...2-2...	18/1

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FRANCE ... DRAW	12/1
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DRAW ..... DRAW	7/2
DRAW ..... ITALY	6/1
ITALY ..... FRANCE	28/1
ITALY ..... DRAW	12/1
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2/5 BRAZIL DENMARK 6/1
11/4 DRAW
Nantes, Kick-off 8.00pm, Live on TV.

CORRECT SCORE

BRAZIL	SCORE TO BE	DENMARK
6/1	...1-0...	12/1
6/1	...2-0...	33/1
8/1	...2-1...	25/1
8/1	...3-0...	100/1
9/1	...3-1...	80/1
40/1	...3-2...	80/1
13/2	...0-0...	13/2
11/2	...1-1...	11/2
22/1	...2-2...	22/1

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YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Derbyshire v Essex

DERBY (second day of four): Essex, with six second-innings wickets in hand, require 233 runs to beat Derbyshire

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 70 (M C Ilott 6 for 20)

Second Innings

*M J Slater lbw b Ilott	24
A S Rollins c Hyam b Cowan	12
T A Tweats c S G Law b Cowan	6
K J Barnett lbw b Cowan	48
M E Cassar c Grayson b D R Law	58
B L Spendlove c S G Law b Ilott	45
P A J DeFreitas b D R Law	2
†S P Griffiths b Such	3
G M Roberts c S G Law b Grayson	34
K J Dean not out	25
T M Smith c and b Such	39
Extras (b 6, w 8, nb 10)	24
Total	319

FALL OF WICKETS 1-30, 2-46, 3-47, 4-142, 5-176, 6-178, 7-191, 8-213, 9-266

BOWLING: Such 11.5-4-28-3; Ilott 25-8-68-2; Cowan 25-4-107-3; D R Law 16-2-58-2; Irani 8-2-30-0; Grayson 10-4-22-1.

ESSEX: First Innings 65 (K J Dean 4 for 39, P A J DeFreitas 4 for 19)

Second Innings

*P J Prichard c Griffiths b Smith	21
D D J Robinson c Griffiths b Smith	7
A P Grayson not out	30
S G Law c Roberts b Smith	18
R C Irani lbw b Smith	0
P M Such not out	8
Extras (b 2, nb 6)	8
Total (4 wkts)	92

FALL OF WICKETS 1-30, 2-31, 3-39, 4-84

BOWLING: DeFreitas 17-8-33-0; Dean 5-1-16-0; Smith 14-7-21-4; Roberts 7-2-20-0

Bonus points: Derbyshire 3, Essex 4

Umpires: R Julian and D R Shepherd

Durham v Leicestershire

DARLINGTON (second day of four): Durham, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 312 runs behind Leicestershire

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

V J Wells c Morris b Wood	11
D L Maddy b Betts	162
I J Sutcliffe b Harmison	13
B F Smith c Harmison b Wood	47
P V Simmons c Speight b Betts	0
A Habib b Wood	96
†P A Nixon b Wood	1
*C C Lewis lbw b Wood	9
C D Crowe c Speight b Betts	2
A D Mascarenhas not out	38
M T Brimson c Phillips b Harmison	4
Extras (b 8, lb 9, w 2, nb 12)	31
Total	414

Score at 120 overs: 355-7

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-41, 3-122, 4-131, 5-340, 6-351, 7-354, 8-357, 9-385

BOWLING: Betts 41-11-96-3; Wood 33-11-104-5; Harmison 28.1-4-107-2; Collingwood 16-5-40-0; Phillips 13-2-42-0

DURHAM: First Innings

J J B Lewis lbw b Lewis	0
J E Morris lbw b Simmons	9
N J Speak b Simmons	30
*D C Boon b Wells	9
P D Collingwood b Simmons	10
J A Daley not out	23
†I P Speight not out	3
Extras (b 5, nb 14)	19
Total (5 wkts, 50 overs)	102

N C Phillips, M M Betts, J Wood and S J Harmison to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-40, 3-49, 4-61, 5-89

BOWLING: Lewis 9-2-29-1; Mullally 15-8-18-2; Wells 10-2-15-1; Simmons 13-2-33-3; Brimson 2-2-0-0; Crowe 1-0-2-0

Bonus points: Durham 3, Leicestershire 6

Umpires: B Dudleston and V A Holder

Glamorgan v Surrey

SWANSEA (second day of four): Glamorgan, with four second-innings wickets in hand, are 168 runs ahead of Surrey

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 197 (M P Maynard 65, A J Hollioake 5 for 62)

Second Innings

S P James lbw b Bicknell	7
*M P Maynard c Ratcliffe b Salisbury	71
A Dale c Brown b Saqlain Mushtaq	29
M J Powell b Salisbury	4
P A Cottey st Batty b Salisbury	4
G P Butcher c Brown b Salisbury	4
†A D Shaw not out	16
S D Thomas not out	12
Extras (b 5, lb 7, nb 9)	23
Total (6 wkts)	170

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-108, 3-121, 4-129, 5-137, 6-144

BOWLING: Bicknell 9-3-16-1; Tudor 4-0-14-0; Saqlain Mushtaq 23-7-64-1; Hollioake 5-3-17-2; Salisbury 22-6-44-4

SURREY: First Innings

J D Ratcliffe b Watkin	0
I J Ward run out	50
N Shahid c Shaw b Watkin	14
*A J Hollioake b Parkin	7
A D Brown b Thomas	24
J A Knott lbw b Cosker	5
†J N Batty c James b Thomas	30
M P Bicknell b Parkin	13
I D K Salisbury lbw b Thomas	11
A J Tudor not out	9
Saqlain Mushtaq b Parkin	25
Extras (lb 1, lb 2, w 2, nb 6)	11
Total (71.4 overs)	189

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-14, 3-31, 4-79, 5-106, 6-107, 7-128, 8-158, 9-167

BOWLING: Watkin 13-2-40-2; Parkin 17.4-4-50-3; Thomas 19-3-47-3; Cosker 19-4-47-1; Butcher 3-0-12-0

Bonus points: Glamorgan 4, Surrey 4

Umpires: H D Bird and R A White.

Hampshire v Gloucestershire

SOUTHAMPTON (second day of four): Hampshire, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 164 runs ahead of Gloucestershire

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 184 (K D James 57)

Second Innings

G W White c Hancock b Alleyne	22
J P Stephenson not out	87
R A Whitaker not out	40
Extras (lb 3, w 2, nb 2)	7
Total (1 wkt)	156

FALL OF WICKET: 1-60

BOWLING: Walsh 14-4-30-0; Smith 12-2-42-0; Lewis 14-7-18-0; Alleyne 10-6-9-1; Ball 17-4-49-0; Hancock 6-2-5-0.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

N J Trainor c White b McLean	0
T H C Hancock c Keech b A C Morris	65
A J Wright lbw b Stephenson	13
*M W Alleyne c Whitaker b McLean	1
M G N Windows b McLean	1
D R Hewson lbw b Stephenson	38
†R C Russell c Aymes b James	1
M C J Ball c Mascarenhas b McLean	25
J Lewis c White b Mascarenhas	18
A M Smith c Stephenson b Mascarenhas	0
C A Walsh not out	0
Extras (lb 14)	14
Total (55.5 overs)	176

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-38, 3-43, 4-49, 5-115, 6-120, 7-146, 8-176, 9-176

BOWLING: McLean 20.5-5-39-4; A C Morris 12-4-25-1; Stephenson 17-2-46-2; Mascarenhas 5-1-19-2; James 10-2-28-1; Z C Morris 1-0-5-0.

Bonus points: Hampshire 4, Gloucestershire 4

Umpires: G I Burgess and R Palmer.

Kent v Yorkshire

MAIDSTONE (second day of four): Yorkshire have a first-innings lead of 258 runs over Kent

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

A McGrath lbw b Fleming	28
M P Vaughan c Marsh b Fleming	33
*D Byas c Fulton b Hooper	7
D S Lehmann c Fulton b McCague	136
M J Wood c Marsh b McCague	17
†R J Blakey lbw b Ealham	3
G M Hamilton b McCague	73
C E W Silverwood not out	57
R D Stemp not out	43
Extras (b 10, lb 2, w 6, nb 8)	26
Total (7 wkts dec)	423

Score at 120 overs: 368-7

P M Hutchison and R J Sidebottom did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-62, 2-71, 3-81, 4-118, 5-135, 6-309, 7-314

BOWLING: McCague 21-2-77-3; Phillips 19-6-58-0; Ealham 27-6-86-1; Fleming 31-10-76-2; Hooper 23-4-80-1; Patel 10-1-34-0

KENT: First Innings

D P Fulton b Stemp	21
R W T Key lbw b Hutchison	6
T R Ward lbw b Silverwood	9
C L Hooper c Hamilton b Silverwood	0
A P Wells b Hutchison	1
M A Ealham c Blakey b Hutchison	0
M V Fleming lbw b Sidebottom	22
*†S A Marsh b Hamilton	3
B J Phillips c Byas b Stemp	28
M J McCague low b Sidebottom	0
M M Patel not out	36
Extras (lb 11, lb 2)	13
Total (56.3 overs)	165

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-23, 3-27, 4-30, 5-30, 6-67, 7-74, 8-99, 9-99

BOWLING: Silverwood 12-4-39-2; Hutchison 11-1-41-3; Stemp 13.3-3-29-2; Hamilton 11-4-26-1; Sidebottom 6-1-17-2.

Bonus points: Kent 3, Yorkshire 8

Umpires: J H Hampshire and J W Lloyds

Nottinghamshire v Middlesex

TRENT BRIDGE (second day of four): Middlesex, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 215 runs behind Nottinghamshire

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

M W Gatting c Franks b Tolley	22
J L Langer b Franks	74
O A Shah c Read b Tolley	0
P N Weekes c Archer b Tolley	0
D C Nash c Johnson b Tolley	15
*†K R Brown c Gallian b Franks	22
J P Hewitt b Strang	21
R L Johnson c Gallian b Franks	0
C Batt b Strang	6
P C R Tufnell not out	0
T F Bloomfield run out: Robinson	0
Extras (b 3, lb 8, w 2, nb 14)	27
Total (69.2 overs)	198

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-97, 2-101, 3-101, 4-131, 5-151, 6-188, 7-188, 8-193, 9-198

BOWLING: Franks 15-5-38-3; Afford 9-2-40-0; Evans 20-8-43-0; Tolley 18-7-51-4; Strang 7.2-3-15-2.

Second Innings

R L Johnson c Afford b Franks	0
J L Langer not out	0
Total (1 wkt)	0

FALL OF WICKET: 1-0

BOWLING: Franks 0.4-0-0-1

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

R T Robinson c Gatting b Batt	55
J E R Gallian c Weekes b Batt	82
U Afzaal c Shah b Johnson	3
*P Johnson low b Batt	0
K P Evans low b Bloomfield	22
G F Archer c Weekes b Johnson	51
C M Tolley c Brown b Batt	15
P J Franks low b Weekes	2
†C M W Read c Brown b Batt	76
P A Strang b Batt	30
A G Wharf not out	1
Extras (b 3, lb 26, w 4, nb 10)	43
Total	413

Score at 120 overs: 340-8

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-105, 2-108, 3-108, 4-141, 5-227, 6-266, 7-285, 8-304, 9-400

BOWLING: Hewitt 18-6-60-0; Bloomfield 23-6-72-1; Johnson 27-5-89-2; Batt 29-6-101-6; Tufnell 21-9-43-0; Weekes 16-6-17-1; Langer 1-1-0-0

Bonus points: Nottinghamshire 7, Middlesex 2

Umpires: A Clarkson and J W Holder

Sussex v Somerset

HOVE (second day of four): Sussex, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are four runs behind Somerset

SOMERSET: First Innings 330 (R J Turner 105, M N Lathwell 87, M E Trescothick 67 not out; J D Lewry 6 for 99)

SUSSEX: First Innings

M T E Peirce run out	3
W G Khan c Turner b Rose	19
M Newell not out	102
*C J Adams c Turner b Pierson	102
M G Bevan not out	71
Extras (b 1, lb 8, w 2, nb 16)	27
Total (3 wkts, 106.4 overs)	326

N R Taylor, R S C Martin-Jenkins, P Humphries, R J Kirtley, M A Robinson and J D Lewry to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-33, 3-195.

BOWLING: Caddick 27-11-62-0; van Troost 17-3-63-0; Rose 22.4-8-41-1; Trescothick 14-1-51-0; Pierson 16-5-59-1; Parsons 10-2-41-0

Bonus points: Sussex 2, Somerset 4

Umpires: J H Hams and N T Plews

Worcestershire v Northamptonshire

WORCESTER (second day of four): Worcestershire (20pts) beat Northamptonshire (4) by 157 runs

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 136 (P A Rose 7 for 39)

Second Innings

W P C Weston not out	91
Abdul Hafeez c Warren b Taylor	23
G A Hick lbw b Taylor	6
V S Solanki c Ripley b Rose	3
*T M Moody c Bailey b Malcolm	33
D A Leatherdale c Warren b Malcolm	1
†S J Rhodes b Malcolm	5
R K Illingworth c Sales b Rose	28
P J Newport low b Curran	6
A Sheriyar c Penberthy b Rose	9
R J Chapman b Rose	0
Extras (lb 6, w 2, nb 6)	14
Total	212

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-52, 2-52, 3-57, 4-106, 5-121, 6-135, 7-180, 8-197, 9-212

BOWLING: Rose 17.5-5-51-4; Taylor 18-5-43-2; Malcolm 12-1-67-3; Penberthy 6-2-10-0; Curran 10-3-35-1

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 114 (D A Leatherdale 4 for 24, T M Moody 4 for 20)

Second Innings

D J Roberts b Newport	0
R J Warren lbw b Newport	1
R J Bailey c Rhodes b Moody	24
D J G Sales lbw b Newport	5
*† M Curran c Solanki b Moody	12
A L Penberthy c Weston b Moody	3
†D Ripley c Moody b Chapman	6
G P Swann c Hick b Chapman	12
J P Taylor not out	7
P A Rose c Rhodes b Chapman	0
D E Malcolm c Solanki b Chapman	0
Extras (lb 3, w 4, nb 2)	9
Total	77

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-1, 3-21, 4-43, 5-47, 6-58, 7-58, 8-71, 9-71

BOWLING: Newport 9-7-3-3; Sheriyar 13-1-38-0; Chapman 6.1-4-9-4; Moody 11-3-24-3

Umpires: K E Palmer and M J Kitchen.

University match

Oxford v Cambridge

LORD'S (second day of three): Cambridge University, with two second-innings wickets in hand, are 279 runs ahead of Oxford University

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings 294 for 9 dec (A Singh 117, D P Mather 4 for 65)

Second Innings

J P Pyemont lbw b Mather	17
Imraan Mohammed lbw b Mather	0
Q J Hughes c Barnes b Mather	8
*A Singh c Eadie b Garland	31
W J House c Fulton b Mather	44
G R Lovendge not out	41
B J Collins lbw b Mather	0
A N Jansch c Lockhart b Mollins	12
†M J Birks c Lockhart b Byrne	1
P J Moffat not out	0
Extras (lb 5, w 2, nb 4)	11
Total (8 wkts)	165

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-20, 3-29, 4-99, 5-123, 6-123, 7-162, 8-165.

BOWLING: Mather 14-1-67-5; Eadie 8-1-35-0; Garland 5-0-34-1; Khan 2-0-7-0; Byrne 3-2-5-1; Mollins 1-0-12-1

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings

J A M Mollins lbw b House	51
D R Lockhart lbw b Lowe	12
M A Wagh not out	78
B W Byrne c Pyemont b Moffat	19
*†J A G Fulton not out	10
Extras (lb 6, nb 4)	10
Total (3 wkts dec)	180

J A Claughton, R Garland, I J P B Barnes, D J Eadie, S H Khan and D P Mather did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-39, 2-111, 3-161

BOWLING: Lovendge 12-3-37-0; Moffat 18-7-34-1; House 7-1-34-1; Lowe 14-5-38-1; Jansch 10-0-39-0

Umpires: M J Harris and G Sharp

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CRICKET: BOWLERS TAKEN TO TASK AT OLD TRAFFORD

Kallis tightens grip on England

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

OLD TRAFFORD (first day of five; South Africa won toss): South Africa have scored 237 for one wicket against England

TEN days of grand plans and good intentions were undone in a matter of hours at Old Trafford yesterday. England, desperate to heal the wounds of their mortifying defeat at Lord's, lost a toss they most urgently needed to win and suffered a day of helpless acquiescence as Jacques Kallis led South Africa to a position of command.

Kallis, whose influence on this side is growing by the game, made his second Test century and shared an unbroken stand of 212, a record for South Africa on this ground, with the adhesive Gary Kirsten, who will resume this morning on 98. It was the second time in the series that only one wicket has fallen on the opening day but conditions here were incomparably better than at Edgbaston; the worry, for England, is that they might not stay that way.

England had reacted to a dry, grassless pitch by choosing both their spinners but if any slow bowler is to win this match now it will surely be Paul Adams. Already, the ball is turning, even for the finger spinners of England. As the pitch wears, Adams' wrist spin will be a more formidable proposition and unless he bowls inadequately, or England bat uncommonly well, there is a real prospect that South Africa will take a 2-0 lead in this Cornhill series.

England's preferred seam attack, denied to them for so long, threatened only briefly with each of two new balls. Otherwise, the ball beat the bat on no more than a handful of occasions. England did not help themselves with some sloppy ground fielding, and the spilling of three technical chances, but the pitch was placid and South Africa capitalised.

The occasion appeared to leave Manchester unmoved, a commentary on the plight of both the England team and the English game. The ground was barely half full and the atmosphere — deliberately subdued by restrictions on alcohol and fancy dress — was maudlin. It was a day reminiscent, in pace and passive nature, of 1970s Tests against India or New Zealand, except that, then, one generally felt England would not lose.

In its lack of action, character and crowd response, this was a thoroughly depressing day for English cricket, a further stark warning that a submissive national team cannot forever command loyalty. Tickets for the fifth Test, at Headingley, are selling only slowly and there is a growing air of anxiety over the finances and implications of what was always going to be a difficult summer.

South Africa will care little for such matters. After their poor start at Edgbaston, they have imposed a grip that will take some shifting. They are missing Shaun Pollock here, because of a strained left thigh, but it may not stop them.

The substitution of Makhaya Ntini for Pollock was one of two changes forced upon the visitors. Liebenberg standing in for the injured Bacher. England chose their final XI on instinct and, while there was general disappointment over the omission of Ben Hollioake, it was probably the correct team for the conditions — or would have been if Alec Stewart had won the toss.

Gough and Cork were together with the new ball at last but there was no red carpet for them. The morning was cloudy and cool, the pitch was stubbornly slow and unresponsive and only the occasional ball swung. Liebenberg lost his off stump to a good one from Gough, which drifted late, but England's line of attack was not sufficiently consistent to cause problems.

Kirsten seemed to have had a reprieve when he gloved a ball from Cork down the leg side and Stewart could only palm it away, but the award of leg-byes suggested the decision would have gone against England anyway. Well before lunch, Stewart had resorted to a more defensive formation and, at 12.45pm, he employed spin at both ends, Ashley Giles having his first bowl in Test cricket.

Through the day, Giles was tidy but unpenetrative, a remark that applied equally to Croft. Hussain, who had displaced Ramprakash at cover for the seamers, returned to slip for the spin attack and two half-chances came his way as Kirsten, on 24, cut at Giles and Kallis, on 76, edged Croft's arm ball. Neither chance stuck and nor, later, did a return catch to Giles from a powerful drive by Kirsten.

It was a typical Kirsten innings — undemonstrative, largely unmemorable but grimly efficient. Kallis will always play more expansively but even he batted within pragmatic limits. It was a measure of the day that only six runs in his century were scored between mid-off and mid-on. It was not, in any sense, a day to lift the spirits.

SCOREBOARD FROM OLD TRAFFORD

South Africa won toss

SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings

G Kirsten not out	98
	(362min, 322 balls, 10 fours)
G F J Liebenberg b Gough	16
	(35min, 29 balls, 3 fours)
J H Kallis not out	117
	(326min, 234 balls, 15 fours)
Extras (b 1, lb 2, w 1, nb 2)	6
Total (1 wkt, 97 overs, 382min)	237

D J Cullinan, *W J Cronje, J N Rhodes, †M V Boucher, L Klusener, P R Adams, A A Donald and M Ntini to bat

FALL OF WICKET 1-25 (Kirsten 7).

BOWLING: Gough 20-1-64-1 (nb 3, w 1; 6 fours; 7-1-13-1, 3-0-18-0, 6-0-22-0, 4-0-11-0); Cork 18-3-51-0 (8 fours; 5-1-17-0, 4-2-5-0, 6-0-22-0, 3-0-7-0); Fraser 13-5-19-0 (2 fours, 8-4-9-0, 5-1-10-0); Croft 24-7-42-0 (4 fours; 5-1-11-0, 15-4-25-0, 4-2-6-0); Giles 17-4-41-0 (6 fours, 9-0-28-0, 8-4-13-0). Ramprakash 5-0-17-0 (2 fours, 2-0-4-0, 3-0-13-0).

SCORING NOTES: First Day: Lunch: 59-1 (31 overs, 120min; Kirsten 24, Kallis 15). Tea: 152-1 (63 overs, 239min; Kirsten 60, Kallis 71). Second new ball taken at 5.31pm — South Africa 219-1 (90 overs).

ENGLAND: N V Knight, M A Atherton, N Hussain, *†A J Stewart, G P Thorpe, M R Ramprakash, D G Cork, R D B Croft, A F Giles, A R C Fraser and D Gough.

Umpires: D B Cowie (New Zealand) and P Willey

Third umpire: D J Constant.

Match referee: Javed Burki (Pakistan)

SERIES DETAILS: First Test (Edgbaston): Match drawn. Second Test (Lord's): South Africa won by 10 wickets To Come: Fourth Test (Trent Bridge): July 23-27. Fifth Test (Headingley): August 6-10.

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GRAHAM MORRIS



Kirsten, who batted throughout a grim day at Old Trafford for his unbeaten 98, flicks a ball from Croft for runs on the leg side

Sign of the times in Neville's visit

MICHAEL HENDERSON



At Old Trafford

It is easy to spot symbols, and not be absolutely certain what they portend, but the conjunction of events at Old Trafford yesterday afternoon seem as significant as any. Ashley Giles had just come on for his first bowl in Test cricket and, as he wheeled away, Philip Neville was pinned against the entrance to the Victorian pavilion by a gaggle of young autograph hunters.

The whole world knows that football is king, particularly at the height of a World Cup summer in which it has been almost compulsory to pay attention. Here was the evidence. Neville, the Manchester United defender, who was left out of the England World Cup party, scribbled away busily while a young man who is considered good enough for another of England's national sides tried his best to dismiss a pair of stubborn South Africa batsmen without ever suggesting he could.

It might have been very different. Neville was considered such a gifted batting propect as a teenager that Lancashire wanted to offer him a contract. "Obviously £2 grand a year wasn't good enough for him", one of the club's committee members said in jest yesterday. These days Neville earns that much a week.

Never has the chasm that separates the winter and the summer game been more apparent, a chasm formed by financial clout and public awareness. Indeed, as this match began in a fog of indifference, it was permissible to ask just what does it mean to the general public?

For the pivotal Test of the series, in the first week of July, the ground was half empty. Take away the members, sponsors and their guests, and a troupe of schoolchildren who flooded the field at lunchtime, and it was hard to see too many others. Whole swaths of the public seats were empty.

There was no sense of occasion and, even though Lancashire officials expect the crowd today to be half as big again as the 11,200 who attended yesterday, the spectators should not expect to see anything that knocks 'em dead in the aisles. On a pitch as slow as this South Africa could bat the day out comfortably, and they probably will.

The problem goes deeper than a bad day, or a bad series. This England team has some good players. What it lacks is a public identity. With the exception of Gough, who is seen as a colourful character, there is no real identification with them. For one very obvious thing, they lose more games than they win. English cricket has had these difficulties before. Neville Cardus wrote of walking round Lord's during a county match in the Sixties, and finding a group of boys messing about behind the Grand Stand. "Why aren't you watching the cricket?" he asked. "When I was your age I wouldn't have missed a ball".

"There aren't any more Comptons", one of them replied.

"No more Comptons". More pertinently, there are no Warnes, Tendulkars or Laras. The key to public identification is always turned by the stars, of whom Botham and Gower were the last Englishmen. How many young boys dream of making a five-hour hundred when Michael Owen fulfils their dreams by running half the length of the field to score heroically? That, in a nutshell, is what cricket is up against.

Slowly, people are coming to terms with the changing world, and perceptions are changing with it. Jim Cumbes, the chief executive of Lancashire and one of the last cricketer-footballers, visited the press box in the afternoon and, hard as he tried to suppress it, a note of despair kept creeping in.

We've done everything we can: that was the gist of his address. We've tried to amend the game from within, for the benefit of the Test team, and tried to sell it to the public. "I'm glad I'm 54 now, and not 20 years younger", he said. It sounded desperate, like a man who sees the sand shifting in the glass, but he is absolutely right.

Durham put in their place

BY RICHARD HOBSON

DARLINGTON (second day of four): Durham, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 312 runs behind Leicestershire

THE Britannic Assurance county championship season is at the stage where the table offers a fair indication of the ability of each county. Where these two sides are concerned, however, there is an anomaly. Leicestershire, fifth, are far better equipped than Durham, a place above them before this round of matches, to challenge for the title.

This became more apparent by the over at Feethams yesterday as the visitors extended their first-innings score to 414 and then removed the first five Durham batsmen for 58. Durham still need 163 to avoid the follow-on, and must show considerably more resolve and composure against the swinging ball if this game is to go into a fourth day.

Maddy, resuming with a flourish, took his championship best to 162 in exactly seven hours and his fifth-wicket stand with Aftab Habib to 209, before Betts knocked back his off stump with a quicker ball. Wickets fell relatively quickly thereafter, including Habib for an attractive 96, attempting to drive on the walk against Wood, who persevered for figures of five for 104.

Durham began dreadfully. Chris Lewis pinned Jon Lewis leg-before on the back foot first ball and Morris endured a torrid period against the menacing left-arm of Mullally. He required 46 balls and 63 minutes to get off the mark, surviving appeals for both leg-before and a catch behind before working Lewis to the boundary.

That Mullally should complete a fine nine-over spell with the new ball wicketless seemed a gross injustice. Instead, Phil Simmons set the collapse in motion by ending Morris's tortuous innings in the first over after tea.

Speak missed a straight ball from Simmons and Boon played on. Collingwood, mysteriously given the lavish movement, shouldered arms to Simmons. Daley has been dropped by Lewis and Nixon, but at least he is still there, with 22 to his name.

Stephenson steadies Hampshire innings

SOUTHAMPTON (second day of four): Hampshire, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 164 runs ahead of Gloucestershire

TWENTY wickets had fallen for 360 runs, many of them given up with insufficient struggle, before John Stephenson buckled down to set Hampshire an example at Southampton (John Thicknesse writes).

At the close of play, four and a half hours later, when he was 13 short of his first 100 of the season, Hampshire had reason to be grateful. Eight ahead on first innings through wasteful Gloucestershire batting, they had the makings of a win that would lift them into the top half of the table. Stephenson shared partnerships of 60 with White for the first wicket and an unbroken one of 96 with Whitaker for the second.

With eight of the original 12 sessions left when Hampshire's second innings started, and conditions favouring the bat even more than on the first day, Stephenson's steady batting was plainly the right strategy.

Overnight, Gloucestershire, at 91 for four, were well placed to take a handy lead when Hancock and Hewson were still batting after 40 minutes. Then Hancock fished at a wide ball, was caught — and 115 for four became 176 all out in another 80 minutes.

Salisbury gamble pays off

SWANSEA (second day of four): Glamorgan, with four second-innings wickets in hand, are 168 runs ahead of Surrey

BY PAT GIBSON

IT WILL not have made England feel any better last night when they heard that Ian Salisbury, the leg-spinner who could have made so much difference to their attack at Old Trafford, had taken four wickets in his first bowl for more than three weeks. He turned this absorbing contest away from Glamorgan, the county champions, and towards Surrey, the leading challengers for their title.

If it is any consolation, Salisbury, who tore a muscle in his groin in the Benson and Hedges Cup against Leicestershire, admitted that he was still a long way from being fit enough for a Test match and was only playing here because Surrey were prepared to risk him. Their gamble paid off on a much fresher day beside the sea at St Helen's, which made spin rather than swing the more potent weapon on a pitch that has dried out in the sun and wind.

While Surrey could call on a wrist spinner in Salisbury and a finger spinner in Saqlain, Glamorgan will have to rely solely on Cosker, the former England Under-19 left-armer, in the absence of Croft, who is playing at Old Trafford.

It was hard work for the Glamorgan seamers yesterday trying to get through the remnants of the Surrey first innings. The last four wickets added 92. Batty playing resolutely for his 30 and Saqlain hitting out boldly to make 25.

This left the match beautifully poised with Surrey just two runs ahead and, after Bicknell had pinned James leg-before for the second time in the match with a ball that came back at him, it became a fascinating duel between the bat and the turning ball.

Maynard played another captain's innings in the unfamiliar role of opener and Dale helped him put on 78 for the second wicket. Once Dale had been caught at slip off Saqlain, however, the rest could not cope with Salisbury, who dismissed Powell, Cottey and Butcher in quick succession before claiming the crucial wicket of Maynard.

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Read in control as Middlesex feel the strain

BY BARNEY SPENDER

TRENT BRIDGE (second day of four): Middlesex, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 215 runs behind Nottinghamshire

A DELIGHTFUL maiden first-class fifty from Chris Read rescued a tedious day and moved Nottinghamshire into a position from which they ought to secure their first home win against county opposition this season.

Read, 19, who is only 5ft 8in and has the bashful demeanour of a lovestruck schoolboy, has already been earmarked as a future England wicketkeeper but, batting at No 9, he showed considerable promise with the bat as he scored 76 and dominated a partnership of 96 with Paul Strang.

Tidy and compact, Read began confidently against the second new ball, albeit against some tired bowlers, and worked it around the field with some cunning. When Phil Tufnell tried to tie him down by bowling over the wicket into the rough, he responded with a deft reverse sweep that was enough to persuade Tufnell to give up the experiment.

His fifty came from 81 balls and included eight fours, and he struck another four boundaries before edging a lifting delivery from Chris Batt to Brown behind the stumps. It was Batt's fifth wicket of the innings and, when he bowled Strang for 40, it gave him six for 101, an excellent return on his championship debut.

Apart from its entertainment value, Read's late contribution also gave Nottinghamshire an important impetus after they had spent much of the day labouring for runs. Graeme Archer made a cultured 51, his fifth fifty in his past six innings, and Usman Afzaal took the best part of six hours over a painstaking 73.

Bold decision gives Oxford fighting chance

BY JACK BAILEY

LORD'S (second day of three): Cambridge University, with two second-innings wickets in hand, are 279 runs ahead of Oxford University

IT WAS 3pm. Oxford, chiefly in the person of Mark Wagh, were scoring freely enough and batting with sufficient soundness to be in contention for a lead on the first innings by the end of the day. Speculation as to where the game would go from there was rife. A former Cambridge captain was speaking. "When did anyone last give the other side anything in the university match?" he asked.

Almost on cue, out came the drinks and with them animated discussions between Fulton, the Oxford captain, who was batting, and Anurag Singh of Cambridge. An over later, Oxford declared 114 runs adrift, leaving Wagh undefeated on 78. It had been agreed that Cambridge would aim to set something of the order of 330 for Oxford to make on the last day.

Cambridge went like a train towards their objective, while Oxford bowled properly to an attacking field. Mather picked up a career best five for 67 as Cambridge collapsed after House and Singh had set about the bowling in a partnership worth 70 from 70 balls. It was something of a mercy for the Light Blues when bad light stopped play 15 minutes early.

No matter how the Cambridge tail fares this morning, an excellent last day is in prospect. Yesterday's was full of good things, not least, Wagh's innings, Mather's persistent bowling and House's onslaught, which brought him 44 from 39 balls. House had also taken the wicket of Molins, remarkable only in that it improved his career record from two wickets for 800 runs to three for 819.

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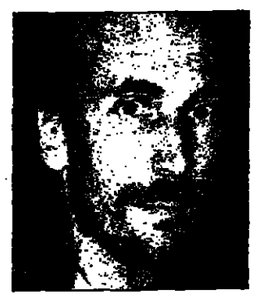
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Wimbledon championships: Tauziat bars way to first title

Novotna's date with self-doubt

SIMON BARNES





Novotna is a study in concentration as she plays a backhand slice during her victory over Hingis. Photograph: Gill Allen

Go straight, then turn left, they say: you can't miss it. But alas, I can. I always seem to take such an instruction as a challenge, and end up completely lost and quite unable to work out where it was I went wrong.

Where is the Wimbledon championship? Well, Jana, just go straight ahead. You can't miss it. Ah, but where Jana Novotna is concerned, the possibility of missing it is always staring you in the face. She plays Nathalie Tauziat in the final tomorrow, after beating Martina Hingis in the semi-finals yesterday.

There will never be a better chance for Novotna to win Wimbledon. On the form that she has shown in the last couple of matches, she is as near a certainty as you can get in sport. But Novotna can do anything, absolutely anything. Even win, I suppose.

Her famous choke in the final of 1993 has become one of the grand myths of the sporting round: how she blew a 4-1 lead in the final set and wept uncontrollably on the shoulder of the Duchess of Kent. And, Wimbledon being Wimbledon, the manner of that defeat has made her one of the most deeply beloved players in the game.

I adore watching Novotna play, but sometimes I have to leave the room. It gets just a bit too much, like it did when the Daleks came in *Doctor Who*. If you watch Novotna a lot, you spend a lot of time hiding behind the sofa.

Novotna is a woman who brings her own monsters. The Daleks of self-doubt have pursued her across the tennis courts of the world. Just when everything goes wonderfully well, and her gorgeous athletic all-court game makes her look like the greatest player in the world — and there are often times when she seems nothing less — then the Daleks come marching on to court.

Annihilate! Obliterate! Exterminate! And Novotna finds herself annihilated and obliterated once again, and she knows all along that they are her Daleks, and she has only herself to blame. And then she comes back for more, with her dashing and delightful game of reckless extravagance.

There is no hint of half-measure in anything that Novotna does. You only have to watch her serve to see that.

Well, you only have to see her throw up the ball before she actually hits it. She throws it so high it almost leaves the court. No one in the women's game is so extravagant, though to be fair, there are some high tossers in the man's game.

Once the ball has been launched into orbit, Novotna launches herself. She bends backwards as if she were a longbow; a unique and whacky service action. No one else serves that way; I doubt if any one else could. It is hardly surprising that she has to wear a back support. There is no hint of restraint about her. In her serve, in her running, in the way she flays tennis balls, in the way she flays her emotions.

The simplest things must be carried out with reckless extravagance. She would swing on a chandelier, not because it looked flashy, or because she is a swashbuckler by nature, but because it seemed to be a sensible and obvious way to get from one side of a room to the other.

You feel that if she wanted to pour out a drink, she would put the glass on the floor and then stand on a chair before tipping the bottle. If she wanted to turn the light off, she would probably draw a revolver and shoot the light-bulb. Not to show off: but because it seemed the only sensible thing to do at the time.

The extravagance makes her a really wonderful tennis player to watch. Her controlled detonation of the unexploded bomb of Venus Williams was a thing of beauty earlier in the week: killing the pace of every ball, floating it back in shots that cleared the net by the width of a fag-paper, and when it counted, savage, inspired volleying.

Williams cannot play matches, of course. Martina Hingis can. It is what she is good at. But Novotna had the game-plan to beat her. She lulled her into a false sense of security. No, she really did, I mean it. She didn't lose the first three games on purpose, of course, I'm not suggesting anything of the kind. But Hingis never really recovered from that ridiculously easy start.

Novotna fought her way back, and exposed all kinds of unexpected frailties in her supposedly nerveless opponent. There was Hingis chucking her racket about, smacking the net, bouncing balls about the place, really quite out of sorts with herself and her game and generally behaving with rather Beckhamesque petulance.

The Centre Court crowd, normally quite fond of Hingis, all shouted for Jana. "Not much feeling for children in this country," my old friend, Bud Collins, the American tennis broadcaster, said. Novotna is 29, Hingis 17. And if anyone can be said to deserve to win anything in sport, it is Novotna and Wimbledon. Hingis said as much herself, which was very charming of her.

She will have a tidal wave of support to surf on. We simply cannot help loving any one who has fouled up in so spectacular a fashion. We can all identify with self-created disaster, and there is nothing in life so gorgeous as the thought that wrongs can somehow be put right. Life really should be like that.

Gimelstob making his mark

BY NICK SZCZEPANIK

AFTER his second-round defeat by Mark Woodforde in the men's singles, Justin Gimelstob has been imposing himself on the doubles events. With Brian MacPhie in the men's, he eliminated two seeded pairs — including Mahesh Bhupathi and Leander Paes, of India, the No 3 seeds and the world championship finalists last year. However, yesterday, in the quarter-finals, the No 12 seeds, Wayne Black and Sebastien Lareau, proved too much, winning 6-4, 6-4, 7-6.

Then, in tandem with Venus Williams in the mixed doubles, where he is very much the dominant partner, Gimelstob progressed in straight sets against Andrei Olhovskiy and Olga Lugina. Gimelstob's only regret would have been that cries of "Come on, Justin!" were outnumbered greatly by those of "Come on, Venus!" A further regret might be that their next match will be a quarter-final against Paes and Larisa Neiland, the top seeds.

All the women's semi-finalists were in doubles action after their singles matches. Natasha Zvereva, seeded No 2 with Lindsay Davenport in the women's event, took consolation for her defeat by Nathalie Tauziat in a win over Dominique van Roost and Florencia Labat, while Hingis and Novotna combined to defeat Els Callens and Julie Halard-Decugis. Tauziat, playing with Daniel Nestor, was beaten by Serena Williams and Max Mirnyi, of Belarus.

Men's doubles matches, after being restricted to the best of three sets in the early rounds because of the rain delays, are back at best-of-five. Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde, the champions, were unexpectedly extended by Patrick Galbraith and Brett Steven, especially after they had taken the first 6-0. In the end, "the Woodies", having dropped the fourth set as well despite playing some exhilarating tennis, beat the No 9 seeds 6-0, 5-7, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.

TELEVISION CHOICE

Of trout and Maori tattoos



D.B. Sweeney as FBI detective Stoddard on the trail of a killer (9.50pm)

Screaming Reels
Channel 4, 8pm

"The man with red hair must make a speech to the Maori elders," a Maori elder tells our hero, the wonderfully named Nick Fisher, reeling in his final programme from Rotorua, New Zealand. Nick obliges with "May I fish for tuna — or eels as we call them?" Quoth the stately elder: "Go ahead, it's OK . . ." Apparently this type of formality is all that must be observed in Rotorua: no licence is needed to fish the brimming waters and you can cast where you like. Nick and his guide opt for rainbow trout (with limited success) and move on to eels, which they do catch. "Not a big eel, but the little man seems pleased," drawls an unimpressed Maori. Nick then submits to a ritual tattoo as a reward for his efforts. That's harder to watch than his hooking of the fish — at least he throws some of those back.

C-16: Russian Roulette
Channel 5, 9.50pm

If you can live with publicity like "gritty guys and gorgeous gals make up 5's team of top-flight FBI agents", you could find this American cop series a very satisfactory alternative to football. Eric Roberts as the bearded (but sensitive) macho man of Criminal Division 16 is quite a draw as John Olansky, the FBI agents' squad supervisor. Tonight he puts his team in jeopardy with their boss by overstepping the line between honest and dodgy detective work. His motive is understandable: somebody — and he swears he knows who — has murdered his buddy Nick Tulli, and Olansky means to bring him in, fair means or foul. As the story spirals opaquely off into a world of weird informers and pouting prostitutes, it would seem that everybody (except the unfortunate Tulli) does live to fight again.

Gardeners' World
BBC2, 8.30pm

As the hayfever season peaks for many of us, Pippa Greenwood has an answer; in Cornwall's Probus Gardens she reports on a low-allergen experiment which shows how, by careful planting, you can still enjoy your garden however allergy-prone you are. Alan Titchmarsh in Barleywood proves that regular dead-heading can prolong the flowering season and he also has some interesting advice about sickly citrus plants. Valerie Waters meets an intrepid lady in South Wales who has crafted a wonderful garden out of a most unpromising site on a railway siding and Stephen Lacey has news of a herb garden which nestles in the shadow of Hadrian's Wall. It would be hard to better Susie and Kevin White's gigantic collection of thyme, marjoram and fennel at Hexham in Northumberland. You can almost smell them.

So Graham Norton
Channel 4, 10.30pm

Perhaps wisely. Dublin born comedian Graham Norton doesn't record his new show until the night before transmission so it's impossible to preview it. But a pilot has been made, and although it was much too rude to be transmitted, its audience fell about. Norton is a puckish little fellow who clearly loves to be surrounded by a studio audience just waiting to be outraged. His staple prop is his mobile phone, from which he extracts gloriously subversive humour. No stranger to the comedy circuit, he won a Perrier Award at Edinburgh, and stood in for Jack Docherty on Channel 5, taking last year's British Comedy Award as Best Newcomer. Radio 4 listeners will know him from Loose Ends and he was the youth worker Father Noel in *Father Ted*.

Elizabeth Cowley

RADIO CHOICE

The Friday Play: King of the Blues
Radio 4, 9.00pm

Do Van Morrison fans have a preferred radio network? It will be Radio 4 tonight to hear this play, by Neil Donnelly, about the relationship between fans and their musical idols. It is set in 1996 and could be subtitled *The Novelist, Her Lover, Her Cook and the Singer*. Karen Bowden (Felicity Dean) is an English novelist en route to London from Dublin for a Van Morrison gig at Wembley. Travelling with her are her lover, Michael Blaney (Eamon Morrissey), an Irish writer and picture framer and her cook, Stevie Flanagan (Les Doherty). The journey by car ferry evokes memories of childhood for Blaney and illustrates how his life seems inextricably bound up with that of Morrison.

Postscript: The Truman Show
Radio 3, 9.20pm

This, the last in *Postscript*'s series about the American media, takes its title from a new Jim Carrey film in which the central character suffers the ultimate media nightmare: he becomes the subject of a round-the-clock, seven days a week television show. Ian Peacock argues in the programme that America not only lives through the media, mostly television, but that modern American heroes and villains are formed through television. The trend ought to serve as a warning for Britain. Indeed, even programmes such as *Postscript* need to take care about how much they focus on media issues. Too much navel-gazing is a bad thing, but readers deserve to be warned about transatlantic trends.

Peter Barnard

RADIO 1

6.30am Kevin Greening and Zoë Ball 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley. Includes 12.30pm Newsbeat 2.00 Mark Radcliffe 4.00 Dave Pearce 5.45 Newsbeat 6.00 Pete Tong's Essential Selection 9.00 Judge Jules 11.00 Westwood: Radio 1 Rap Show 2.00am Fabio and Grooverider 4.00 Emma B

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 12.00 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Ed Stewart 5.05 Johnnie Walker 7.00 Disney's Women 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night 9.15 Clochemerle 9.30 Listen to the Band 10.00 David Jacobs 10.30 The Arts Programme 12.05am Charles Nove 4.00 Jackie Bird

RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00am The Breakfast Programme 9.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 *The Midday News* 1.00pm Wimbledon and World Cup 98. Tennis: John Inverdale focuses on the men's semi-finals at the All England Club; Football: Commentary from St-Denis on the first World Cup quarter-final 7.55 World Cup 98. Ian Payne introduces commentary from Nantes on the second quarter-final 10.00 Late Night Live with Brian Hayes, including The Financial World Tonight 1.00am Up All Night

VIRGIN RADIO

7.00am Chris Evans 10.00 Russ Williams 1.00pm Nick Abbot 4.00 Paul Coyte 7.00 Johnny Boy's Wheels of Steel 11.00 Janey Lee Grace 2.00am Mark Collins

TALK RADIO

6.30am *The New Talk Radio Breakfast* 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 3.00 Sport 5.00 Danny Kelly and Danny Baker 7.00 World Cup Phone-In 8.00 Sport 10.00 Mike Allen 2.00am Mike Dickin

WORLD SERVICE

7.00am News 7.15 World Cup Roundup 7.30 A Delicate Line 8.00 News 8.15 Off the Shelf 8.30 Music Review 9.00 News; (648 only) News in German 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 Westway 9.30 John Peel 10.00 News 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 The Learning World 10.30 Speaking of English 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Assignment 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm Focus on Faith 1.00 News; (648 only) News in German 1.05 *World Business Report* 1.15 *Britain Today* 1.30 Sports Roundup Extra 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Multitrack Alternative 4.00 News 4.05 Football Extra 4.15 Songs of Home 4.30 Science in Action, (648 only) News in German 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Britain Today 6.00 News 6.15 Insight 6.30 Science on a Plate; News in German (648 only) 8.45 Sports Roundup 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Focus on Faith 8.00 News 8.01 Outlook 8.25 Pause for Thought 8.30 Multitrack Alternative 9.00 Newshour 10.00 News 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 Britain Today 10.30 People and Politics 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Insight 11.45 Sports Roundup 12.00 News 12.05am Outlook 12.30 Multitrack Alternative 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 From the Weeklies 1.45 Britain Today 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Songs of Home 2.45 Short Story 3.00 Newsday 3.30 People and Politics 4.00 News 4.05 World Business Report 4.15 Sports Roundup 4.30 Insight 4.45 Off the Shelf

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Breakfast with Bailey 8.00 Henry Kelly. Michael Barry prepares honey cake and ice cream. Plus, High Flyer and Record of the Week 12.00 Lunchtime Requests. Jane Markham plays favourite music 2.00pm Concerto. Boieldieu (Harp Concero in C major) 3.00 Jamie Crick. Sport updates and travel news. Plus Continuous Classics and Afternoon Romance 6.30 Newsnight. Arts issues and guest interviews, with John Brunning 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven. John Brunning introduces two hours of easy-listening sounds 9.00 Evening Concert. Handel (Concerto Grosso in B flat); J.S. Bach (Lute Suite in E major); Vivaldi (Flute Concerto in G), J.S. Bach (Cello Suite No 6 in D); Handel (Silete Venti) 11.00 Mann at Night 2.00am Concerto (r) 3.00 Mark Griffiths

RADIO 3

6.00am **On Air,** with Stephanie Hughes. Includes a preview of this year's Cheltenham Festival. Plus Palestrina (Stabat Mater); Mozart (Violin Concerto No 2 in D, K211); Chabrier (Suite Pastorale)
9.00 **Masterworks,** with Peter Hobday. Includes Wagner (Overture: Rienzi); Haydn (String Quartet in F minor, Op 20 No 5); Malcolm Arnold (Flute Sonata); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 23 in A, K488); Haydn (String Quartet in A, Op 20 No 6)
10.30 **Artist of the Week: Margaret Price**
11.00 **Sound Stories: Five Novelists — James Joyce.** The Irish novelist studied singing and loved opera, and music permeates all his work. Presented by Peggy Reynolds
12.00 ***Composer of the Week: Barber***
1.00pm **The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert: Mozart in the City.** Endellion Quartet. Mozart (String Quartets: in A, K464; in B flat, K458, Hunt)
2.00 **The BBC Archive: Rudolf Serkin.** Paul Guinery introduces recordings of the pianist playing Reger, Mozart, Brahms and Beethoven
4.00 **Music Restored.** Chris de Souza introduces highlights of a concert of 18th-century French chamber music by Couperin, Rameau and others, given last month during the Lufthansa Festival (r)
4.45 **Music Machine,** with Verity Sharp
5.00 **In Tune.** Richard Rodney Bennett joins Sean Rafferty to talk about a forthcoming concert with John Harle in the Ironmongers' Hall as part of the City of London Festival
7.00 **Performance on 3: BBC Symphony Orchestra,** under Jiri Belohlavek. Live from Bad Kissingen, Germany. With Jean-Yves Thibaudet, piano Mendelssohn (Overture The Hebrides — Fingal's Cave); Dvořák (Piano Concerto in G minor); 7.50 Fantasia on a Favourite Waltz, by William Boyd. Read by Haydn Gwynne (r) 8.10 Concert, part two. Brahms (Symphony No 1 in C minor)
9.20 **Postscript: The Truman Show.** See Choice
9.40 **American Blues.** The pianists Joanna MacGregor and Eric Parkin play blues music by Nancarrow, Copland and Erroll Garner
10.00 **Hear and Now.** Verity Sharp talks to composers and performers at the Bath Festival's recent contemporary music weekend and introduces four works played by the Arditti Quartet. Includes Thomas Ades (Arcadiana)
11.30 **Bright Size Life.** The first of five programmes in which the jazz guitarist and composer Pat Metheny talks to Ian Carr about his career (r)
12.00 **Composer of the Week: C.P.E. Bach** (r)
1.00am **Through the Night,** with Donald Macleod

RADIO 4

6.00am **Today,** includes 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day
8.35 **(LW) Yesterday In Parliament**
9.00 **Desert Island Discs.** Jack Rosenthal (r)
9.45 **Serial: The Doctor, the Detective and Arthur Conan Doyle,** read by Michael Williams (4/5)
9.45 **(LW) An Act of Worship**
10.00 **(FM) News; Woman's Hour**
11.00 **(LW) Test Match Special: England v South Africa.** Commentary on the second day's play in the third Test from Old Trafford
11.00 **(FM) News; Health for a Nation: The Material Age.** Polly Toynbee concludes her investigation of the political battle to get the NHS off the ground
11.30 **(FM) Love Pray and Do the Dishes,** by Robert Smith. With Paul Bradley and Struan Rodger
12.00 **(LW) News Headlines;** Shipping Forecast
12.00 **(FM) News; You and Yours.** Daily consumer news and investigations
12.04pm **(LW) Test Match Special: England v South Africa** 12.57 Weather
1.00 **The World at One,** with Nick Clarke
1.30 **(FM) Who Goes There?** Martin Young quizzes Francis Wheen, Claire Rayner, Roy Hattersley and Fred Housego
1.30 **(LW) Test Match Special**
2.00 **(FM) News; The Archers** (r)
2.15 **(FM) Afternoon Play: The Bomb Damage Sale Wedding Dress,** by Christina Reid. It is the summer of 1997 in the university area of Belfast. When single parent Molly refuses to marry Joseph, it starts a roundabout of relationships. With Trudy Kelly, Laine Megaw and Kathryn Rankin
3.00 **(FM) News; Veg Talk,** Call 0171-580 4444
3.30 **(FM) Elementary My Dear Rankin: The Final Chapter?** What is the future for the police detective in crime writing?
3.45 **(FM) The Patio Man,** by Mary Costello
4.00 **News; Open Book.** Humphrey Carpenter explores reading fashions and passions among Britain's Chinese community (r)
4.30 **(FM) The Message,** with Alex Brodie and his guests
5.00 **(FM) PM** 5.54 **(LW)** Shipping 5.57 Weather
5.57 **(LW) Test Match Special**
6.00 **(FM) Six O'Clock News**
6.30 **In the Chair.** Mark Tavener's comedy thriller with Michael Williams and Hugh Laurie (5/6)
7.00 **News; The Archers**
7.15 **Front Row,** with Mark Lawson
7.45 **Under One Roof: Under Pressure,** by Mike Walker, based on the original story by Michele Hanson. With Paola Dionisotti, Edna Dore, Luisa Bradshaw-White and Irene Sutcliffe (5/5) (r)
8.00 **News; Any Questions?** Jonathan Dimbleby is joined in Chertsey, Surrey, by Anne Atkins, journalist and author, Frank Dobson, the Secretary of State for Health; Michael Moore, Liberal Democrat spokesman for Scottish affairs; and David Willetts, the Shadow Secretary of State for Education and Employment
8.45 **Letter from America,** with Alistair Cooke
9.00 **News; The Friday Play: King of the Blues,** by Neil Donnelly. With Eamon Morrissey and Felicity Dean. See Choice
10.00 **The World Tonight**
10.45 **Book at Bedtime: Scarlet and Black,** by Stendhal, read by Greg Wise (10/10) (r)
11.00 **Late Night on 4: Late Tackle.** The actor and comedian Gordon Kennedy and the writer Julie Welch join Martin Bashir
11.30 **(LW) Today in Parliament**
11.30 **(FM) The Circuit.** The former boxer Ernie Shavers tries to break into the after-dinner speaking circuit
12.00 **News 12.30am The Late Book: Bombay Ice,** by Leslie Forbes (10/10)
12.48 **Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service**

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Men's singles
Winner: £435,000
Runner-up: £217,500
Holder: P Sampras (US)

Quarter-final
T HENMAN (GB) bt P KORDA (Cz) 6-3, 6-4, 6-2

Men's doubles
Winner: £178,220
Runner-up: £89,100
Holders: T A Woodbridge (Aus) and M Woodforde (Aus)

Quarter-finals
W BLACK (Zim) and S LAREAU (Can) bt J Gimelstob (US) and B MacPhie (US) 6-4, 6-4, 7-6
T A WOODBRIDGE (Aus) and M WOODFORDE (Aus) bt P GALBRAITH (US) and B STEVEN (Holl) 6-0, 5-7, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3
J BJORKMAN (Swe) and P RAFTER (Aus) bt E FERREIRA (SA) and R LEACH (US) 5-7, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4, 11-9
J ELTINGH (Holl) and P HAARHUIS (Holl) bt N KULTI (Swe) and D MACPHERSON (Aus) 6-4, 5-7, 7-6, 6-2

Women's singles
Winner: £391,500
Runner-up: £195,750
Holder: M Hingis (Switz)

Semi-finals
N TAUZIAT (Fr) bt N Zvereva (Bela) 1-6, 7-6, 6-3
J NOVOTNA (Cz) bt M HINGIS (Switz) 6-4, 6-4

Women's doubles
Winner: £154,160
Runner-up: £77,070
Holders: G Fernandez (US) and N Zvereva (Bela)

Third Round
L M RAYMOND (US) and R P STUBBS (Aus) bt R Grande (It) and G Nielsen (US) 5-7, 6-0, 6-3
L A DAVENPORT (US) and N ZVEREVA (Bela) bt F LABAT (Arg) and D VAN ROOST (Bel) 6-3, 6-2

Quarter-finals
M DE SWARDT (SA) and D A GRAHAM (US) bt S Farina (It) and L Montalvo (Arg) 6-2, 7-6
M HINGIS (Switz) and J NOVOTNA (Cz) bt E S H Callens (Bel) and J Halard-Decugis (Fr) 6-1, 6-4

Mixed doubles
Winner: £75,700
Runner-up: £37,850
Holders: C Suk (Cz) and H Sukova (Cz)

Third round
M BHUPATHI (India) and M LUCIC (Cro) bt D Johnson (US) and S Jeyaseelan (Can) 7-6, 6-3
J Gimelstob (US) and V Williams (US) bt A Olhovskiy (Russ) and O Lugina (Ukr) 6-3, 6-2
J Terango (US) and E Likhovtseva (Russ) bt R Koenig (SA) and N J Pratt (Aus) 7-6, 6-2
L PAES (India) and L NEILAND (Lat) bt N Godwin (SA) and S Noorlander (Holl) 6-3, 6-4
W Arthurs (Aus) and K A Guse (Aus) bt W Black (Zim) and C Black (Zim) 6-1, 6-4
M Mirnyi (Bela) and S Williams (US) bt D NESTOR (Can) and N TAUZIAT (Fr) 5-7, 6-3, 6-4
S Stolle (Aus) and K Kunce (Aus) bt D MACPHERSON (Aus) and R MCQUILLAN (Aus) 6-3, 7-6
P HAARHUIS (Holl) and C M VIS (Holl) bt J Waite (US) and K Po (US) 6-2, 6-3

Men's over-35 doubles
Holders: M J Bates (GB) and R Krishnan (India)

First round
G Donnelly (US) and D Visser (SA) bt M R Edmondson (Aus) and P Fleming (US) 6-4, 3-6, 6-3
H Guenthardt (Switz) and B Taroczy (Hun) bt P B McNamara (Aus) and P F McNamee (Aus) 5-7, 6-2, 6-4
G Donnelly (US) and D Visser (SA) bt M Bahrami (Iran) and P Dupre (US) 6-3, 3-6, 8-6
K Flach (US) and R Seguso (US) bt P B McNamara (Aus) and P F McNamee(Aus) 6-3, 6-4
A M Jarrett (GB) and J R Smith (GB) bt M R Edmondson (Aus) and P Fleming (US) 6-3, 3-6, 6-3
J B Fitzgerald (Aus) and W Masur (Aus) bt A Jarryd (Swe) and J Nystrom (Swe) 6-3, 7-5
G Mayer (US) and T Wilkison (US) bt A Amritraj (India) and V Amritraj (India) 6-3, 6-3
B Gilbert (US) and H Pfister (US) bt L Shiras (US) and T Smid (Cz) 6-4, 7-5
M J Bates (GB) and R Krishnan (India) bt H Guenthardt (Switz) and B Taroczy (Hun) 6-2, 6-1

Men's over-45 doubles
Holders: J Fillol (Chile) and R L Stockton (US)

Quarter-finals
M C Riessen (US) and S E Stewart (US) bt A A Mayer (US) and R Tanner (US) 5-7, 7-6, 7-5
O K Davidson (Aus) and E C Drysdale (SA) bt K R Rosewall (Aus) and F S Stolle (Aus) 6-3, 4-6, 7-5

Women's over-35 doubles
Holders: J M Durie (GB) and A E Smith (US)

First round
J M Durie (GB) and A E Smith (US) bt M Jausovec (Slovenia) and Y Vermaak (SA) 7-5 6-4
M Jausovec (Slovenia) and Y Vermaak (SA) bt L Charles (GB) and A Hobbs (GB) 4-6, 6-2, 6-1
J M Durie (GB) and A E Smith (US) bt B Nagelsen (US) and R Nideffer (SA) 6-1, 7-5
P H Shriver (US) and P D Smylie (Aus) bt R Casals (US) and B F Stove (Holl) 6-1, 6-1
W M Turnbull (Aus) and S V Wade (GB) bt I Kloss (SA) and J C Russell (US) 6-4, 6-4

Boys' singles
Holder: W Whitehouse (SA)

Second round
A Park (US) bt B Borella (Den) 6-7, 7-5, 7-5
A Qureshi (Pak) bt S Dickson (GB) 6-2, 6-3
J De Armas (Ven) bt P Mulliner (Austria) 6-3, 7-6
I Labadze (Geo) bt E Bergmann (Br) 6-1, 7-5
F Saretta (Br) bt D Martin (US) 6-4, 6-3
A Ram (Isr) bt R Vik (Cz) 4-6, 6-1, 8-6
K Pless (Den) bt I Gonzalez King (Arg) 4-6, 6-3, 6-4
J Hasek (Cz) bt N McDonald (SA) 5-7, 7-5, 8-6
K Ivanov-Smolenski (Russ) bt J Hasek (Cz) 6-1, 6-3

Third round
D Sherwood (GB) bt W J Cheng (Taiwan) 7-5, 6-2
J Jeanpierre (Fr) bt V Mazarakis (Gr) 6-3, 6-4
R Federer (Switz) bt J Haehnel (Fr) 6-4, 6-4
L Zovko (Cro) bt A Park (US) 6-0, 6-4
J de Armas (Ven) bt A Ram (Isr) 6-2, 6-3
F Saretta (Br) bt K Pless (Den) 6-4, 6-3
I Labadze (Geo) bt A Qureshi (Pak) 6-7, 7-6, 6-4

Girls' singles
Holder: C Black (Zim)

Second round
K Srebotnik (Slovenia) bt D Krstulovic (Cro) 6-0, 6-4
W Prakusya (Indo) bt C Seal (GB) 6-1, 6-1
A Stevenson (US) bt A Mojzis (SA) 6-1, 6-4
Z Gubacsi (Hun) bt I Tulyaganova (Uzb) 6-4, 3-6, 6-1
D Peric (Cro) bt A Molik (Aus) 6-4, 6-4
T Hergold (Slovenia) bt S Hrozenska (Slovakia) 6-4, 2-6, 7-5

Third round
M Sequera (Ven) bt A Nikolaeva (Bela) 7-5, 6-2
T Pisnik (Slovenia) bt L Baker (NZ) 6-4, 7-5
E Dominikovic (Aus) bt M Malevzik (Slovenia) 6-4, 6-2
K Srebotnik (Slovenia) bt Z Gubacsi (Hun) 6-4, 6-2
K Clijsters (Bel) bt D Bedanova (Cz) 7-5, 6-1
W Prakusya (Indo) bt D Peric (Cro) 7-6, 3-6, 6-0
J Dokic (Aus) bt E Krauth (Arg) 6-4, 6-4
T Hergold (Slovenia) bt A Stevenson (US) 2-6, 6-3, 6-4

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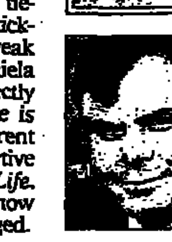
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No knickers get women's issues in a twist

REVIEW



Paul Hoggart

We are getting so used to nostalgia drama set in an idealised versions of the *Fifties or early Sixties that it makes* a refreshing change to get Fay Weldon's version of the later era when it all started to go wrong. If *Heartbeat* or *The Hello Girls* are the dramatic equivalent of rediscovering your security blanket, last night's **Big Women** (Channel 4) is all about how the blanket was thrown away.

Actually, of course, it was all wrong already, as Weldon's story is only too keen to demonstrate. So far the male characters have included Hamish, a selfish and manipulative philanderer, and a deeply conventional, patronising Australian prig, a boorish bully called, appropriately enough, "Bull".

It would be tempting to dismiss this as yet another "all men are inadequate sexist bastards" story, except that you know that there were plenty of men exactly like these around in 1971 and probably still are today.

This is a drama conceived to explore an issue — the rise, triumph and fragmentation of the women's movement — so inevitable there is something formulaic about the range of characters, each representing a type or predicament. And there is a very high slogan quotient, with much of the dialogue consisting of ideological statements.

As a blandly liberal male I remember that period with a certain discomfort, however, and I suspect that Weldon has got it absolutely right. Educated middle-class young women discovering their new feminist identities, were constantly bashing you over the head with their philosophical positions and explaining how some simple, apparently innocuous, remark betrayed your phallocratic conditioning.

Justifiable anger and resentment at millennia of subservience could often come out as bossy tie-straightening, with the worst tickings-off reserved for "weak sisters". In this respect Daniela Nardini's character is perfectly drawn and acted. The trouble is that Layla is not so very different from Anna, the angrily assertive lawyer she played in *This Life*, which makes you wonder how much things have really changed.

Andrea Newman, by contrast, has never bothered her pretty little head with women's issues. In her world women are just as likely to be scheming villains as men, the men exploited victims. But Newman is a popular entertainer, full-stop. There are no pretensions to socio-political insights. Where Fay Weldon approaches sexuality grasping a women's studies manual, Newman just gets busy rummaging round the audience's erogenous zones.

Family relationships and sexuality are uncomfortably and disconcertingly tangled in Newmanland. It is a zone of multiple betrayals, deliberate and accidental, where people are rarely in control of their guilty passions.

In the first episode of **Imogen's Face** (ITV) last night, she has smacked straight into one taboo, in that the "magically" beautiful Imogen (Samantha Janus) is conducting a fiery adulterous affair with the Lothario from the local antique shop, during and immediately after the birth of her twins.

But another, stranger, theme looms on the horizon, since the life of Amanda, Imogen's slightly plainer sister, is dominated by her sense of inferiority. She is obsessed by Imogen and is prey to the kind of dream where you find yourself walking around the set of a 1970s Hammer vampire movie, complete with shin-level puffs of mist. When she looks in the mirror, Imogen's face stares back at her, not her own.

This air of spookiness is accentuated by the eerie little piano motif which keeps popping up to tell Pavlov's viewer that something unearthly is abroad. If this turns out to be just another tale of domestic sexual entanglement I shall feel decidedly cheated.

The drama hinges on the matter of Imogen's ethereal beauty, and in this respect I have a slight problem with the casting of Samantha Janus. She is extraordinarily striking to behold — those huge eyes, which she seems to be able to flash on and off like headlights, those high, wide cheekbones and full, sensual lips. She should be perfect.

The trouble is that I can't get rid of the image of her dire Eurovision Song Contest entry or the amiable Essex bimbo driving the lads mad in *Game On*.

Of course it is horribly unfair to typecast anyone, and her performance seems perfectly competent so far. But when her father has a distinct northern accent, her mother has genteel middle-class tones and her sister speaks in a neutral R.P., it is puzzling that "fairytale" Imogen has an estuary accent lurking under the surface.

Newman is superb at crawling under the skin of our insecurities about relationships, but, after an intriguing start, I fear this will turn out to be the usual nonsense.

Incidentally, the BBC came in for some stick over the nudity in recent productions like *The Tribe* and *Close Relations* but the leading characters got their kit off in both these dramas. *Imogen's Face* is about sexual relationships, but when the women's consciousness-raising group started casting their knickers adrift in *Big Women* it all seemed jolly odd.

Clearly, nudity is included in the specifications for all new drama commissions, and I don't expect it to end there. "Nudes at Ten" will be followed soon by "Topless Weather" and panellists will get on *Question Time* only if they are prepared to answer some of the questions in the buff, which should at least encourage our politicians to keep fit and healthy.

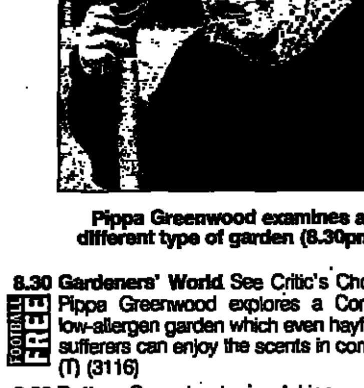
BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (8587999)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (54154)
9.00 All Over the Shop Leslie Grantham, Mickey Hutton, Jean-Christophe Novelli and Tara Palmer-Tomkinson take part in the shopping panel game hosted by Paul Ross (r) (3401338)
9.20 Kilroy (T) (3789116)
10.00 Meet the Challenge (r) (T) (2963947)
10.25 Style Challenge Classics Highlights *introduced by Caryn Franklin and Shauna* Lowry from the makeover show, featuring the Marquess of Bath, butlers and two opera image-makers. (3018636)
10.55 Short Changes *Guide to making a* stencilled bin cupboard (1978241)
11.00 News (T) and weather (5418154)
11.05 Around the World in 80 Days: Oriental Express Michael Palin takes a slow boat from Singapore to Hong Kong then makes up for lost time with an express train ride to the cosmopolitan port of Shanghai (r) (T) (9649690)
11.55 News (T) and weather (6566086)
12.00 Every Second Counts Gameshow hosted by Paul Daniels (r) (T) (57680)
12.30pm Neighbours (T) (9121390)
12.55 Well Worth a Visit (87639852)
1.00 News (T) and weather (57241)
1.30 Regional News (T) (15395661)
1.40 Wimbledon 98 Steve Rider presents coverage of the semi-finals in the men's tournament live from Centre Court (T) (98065816) **5.35 Neighbours** (r) (T) (738999)
6.00 News (T) and weather (13)
6.30 Regional News (63)
7.00 Top of the Pops with 911; Ultra; Hanson; Eagle Eye Cherry; Space; and Skinner Baddiel and Broudie (T) (7319)
7.30 Dad's Army *Further escapades with the* stalwarts of Walmington-on-Sea Home Guard platoon (r) (T) (440135)
8.05 Jaws II (1978) Sequel to Steven *Spielberg's original blockbuster, with* Roy Scheider, Lorraine Gary and Murray Hamilton. Teenagers in the Long Island resort of Amity are terrorised by a man-eating great white shark. Directed by Jeannot Szwarc (T) (28726262)
10.00 News (T) and weather (65609)
10.30 Harry Enfield and Chums Comedy, *starring Harry Enfield, Paul Whitehouse* and Kathy Burke (r) (T) (74357)
11.00 Mrs Merton Show The blue-rinsed pensioner with the acid tongue invites *another selection of celebrities to join her* on the sofa (r) (T) (7661)
11.30 World Cup 98 — Match of the Day Highlights of today's quarter-finals played earlier today between Italy and France, and Brazil and Denmark (29680)
12.30am Nothing But the Night (1972) Peter Cushing and Christopher Lee star in this *supernatural thriller about a colonel who* gets more than he bargained for while investigating a series of mysterious murders. Also with Diana Dors, Keith *Barron and Michael Gambon. Directed by* Peter Sasdy (T) (94365)
2.00 Weather (9652452)
2.05 BBC News 24

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BBC2

6.10am The Learning Zone: Questions of National Identity (8883883)
7.00 Teletubbies (r) (1221864) **7.25** Goober and the Ghost Chasers (r) (3606357) **7.45** Get Your Own Back (r) (6809970) **8.10** Willy Fog (r) (T) (2829135) **8.35** The Record (2519338)
9.00 Yesterday at Wimbledon Highlights of yesterday's women's semi-finals with Sue Barker (T) (13970)
10.00 Teletubbies (17135) **10.30** Fiddley Foodle Bird (r) (1935970) **10.40** Joshua Jones (r) (8313999)
10.50 International Cricket: Third Test — England v South Africa Live coverage of the opening session on day two at Old Trafford. Commentary by Richie Benaud (16561715)
1.00pm Wimbledon 98 and International Cricket Tennis: live coverage of the best-of-five-sets men's singles semi-finals introduced by Sue Barker and Steve Rider. Cricket: England v South Africa. Live coverage of the afternoon session (93077512)
2.40 News (T) regional news and weather (8301593)
2.45 Wimbledon 98 and International Cricket Tennis: Continued coverage from Centre Court and No 1 Court of the men's singles semi-finals at the All-England Club. Cricket: England v South Africa. Further action from the afternoon session on the second day of the third Test at from Old Trafford (46763406)

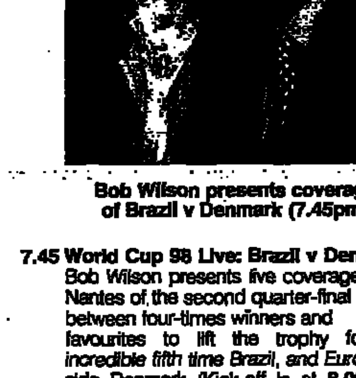


Pippa Greenwood examines a different type of garden (8.30pm)

8.30 Gardeners' World See Critic's Choice. Pippa Greenwood explores a Cornish low-allergen garden which even hayfever sufferers can enjoy the scents in comfort (T) (3116)
9.00 Bottom Comedy, starring Adrian Edmondson and Rik Mayall (r) (T) (3086)
9.30 Today at Wimbledon *Highlights of the* men's singles semi-finals (67661)
10.28 Video Nation Caribbean Shorts (T) (761715)
10.30 Newsnight (T) (237390)
11.15 International Cricket: Third Test — England v South Africa Highlights (938777)
11.55 Diner (1982) with Steve Guttenberg, Daniel Stern, Mickey Rourke, Ellen Barkin, Paul Reiser and Kevin Bacon. Coming-of-age drama about a group of college students in the 1950s who meet at their regular Baltimore haunt to discuss their problems. Barry Levinson's directorial debut (885222)
1.45am Space: Above and Beyond The 58th conduct a misinformation campaign (6158128)
2.25-2.30 Weather (9742029)
3.00-5.00 Learning Zone: GCSE Bitesize Revision: Geography 1 (98742)

HTV

6.00am GMTV (8572067)
9.25 This Morning (T) (3054654)
9.30 Vanessa (T) (1926512)
10.10 This Morning (T) (34882628)
12.15pm Regional News (2259406)
12.30 News (T) and weather (78661)
1.00 Surprise Chefs (59609)
1.30 Home and Away (T) (77932)
2.00 The Jerry Springer Show Confrontational chat (T) (2206845)
2.45 WALES: What's My Line? (954999)
2.45 Garden Calendar (954999)
3.15 World Cup 98 Live: Italy v France Bob *Wilson introduces coverage of the semi-*final between the host nation and Italy from the Stade de France, St Denis (Kick-off is at 3.30) (T) (94465852)
***NB:* Subsequent programmes are *subject to* delay and alteration**
5.30 Home and Away (r) (T) (86)
6.00 News (T) and weather (487154)
6.15 Regional News (T) (835425)
6.45 Take Your Pick Game show hosted by Des O'Connor (T) (834796)
***7.15* Coronation Street** Hayley *makes a* brave decision. Maxine and Greg get their wires once more (T) (831609)



Bob Wilson presents coverage of Brazil v Denmark (7.45pm)

7.45 World Cup 98 Live: Brazil v Denmark Bob Wilson presents live coverage from Nantes of the second quarter-final between four-times winners and favourites to lift the trophy for an *incredible fifth time Brazil, and European* side Denmark (Kick-off is at **8.00**) (T) (85286241)
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10.00 News (T) and weather (50777)
10.30 Regional News (350390)
10.40 Fantasy World Cup Live Comic observations with Frank Skinner and David Baddiel and guests Warren Mitchell and Ant and Dec (515680)
11.15 Risky Business (1983) Comedy starring Tom Cruise as a normally well-behaved teenager who goes wild while his parents are out of town. He meets a prostitute and lets her turn his home into a brothel for a night. Also With Rebecca De Mornay and Curtis Armstrong. Directed by Paul Brickman (333222)
1.15am Club@vision Dance music and club news (3526839)
2.00 World Cup 98 Full match coverage of one of today's quarter-finals from St-Denis or Nantes (388568)
3.45 Fantasy World Cup (r) (75013)
4.20 Stash (15971839)
4.45 ITV Nightscreen (9583839)
5.00 Coronation Street (r) (48452)
5.30 News (74704)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
1.00pm Special Babies (59609)
1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (5820796)
2.45-3.15 Surprise Gardeners (954999)
6.20-6.45 Central News (129628)
11.15 FILM: Teamster Boss: The Jackie Presser Story (333222)
4.15am Central Jobfinder '98 (9944907)
5.20 Asian Eye (8868817)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
12.15pm-12.30 News (2259406)
1.00 The Woodward File (59609)
1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (5820796)
2.45-3.15 Westcountry Update (954999)
***5.28-5.30* Birthday People** (5840357)
6.20-6.45 Westcountry Live (129628)
11.15 FILM: Teamster Boss: The Jackie Presser Story (333222)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:
12.15-12.30 News and *Weather* (2259406)
1.00-1.30 Shortland Street (59609)
2.45-3.15 The Antiques Trail (954999)
6.20-6.45 Meridian Tonight (129628)
11.15 Midnight Caller (997999)
12.15am Members Only (67094)
12.45 Live at Jongleurs (66365)
5.00 Freescreen (48452)

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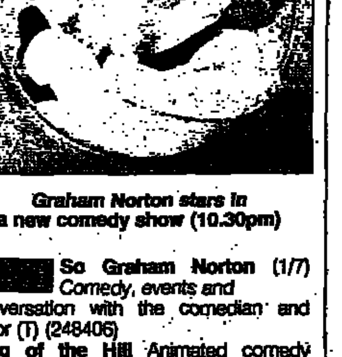
As HTV West except:
1.00pm-1.30 Hope and Gloria (59609)
2.45 And Take This Bus to Cuba (954999)
6.20-6.45 Anglia News (129628)
11.15 FILM: Teamster Boss: The Jackie Presser Story (333222)

S4C

Starts: **7.00am The Big Breakfast** (47864)
9.00 FILM: The Dark Angel (12680)
11.00 On the Road to the Islands (8390)
11.30 Here's One I Made Earlier (6319)
12.00pm Ricki Lake (40390)
12.30 Sesame Street (76203)
1.00 Slot Meithrin (45552338)
1.15 Tomos Y Tanc (45540593)
1.30 The Living Sea (49726241)
1.55 Racing from Sandown Park (93020864)
4.00 Fifteen-to-One (64)
4.30 Countdown (48)
5.00 5 Pump (3593)
5.30 Pet Rescue (28)
6.00 Newyddion 6 (461116)
6.10 Heno (156208)
7.00 Pobol y Cwm (941222)
7.25 Portreadau (146406)
8.00 Del a Tom (9777)
8.30 Newyddion (1512)
9.00 Friends (8154)
9.30 Friends (96067)
10.00 Brookside (186932)
10.35 So Graham Norton (210870)
11.30 Babylon 5 (546845)
***12.10am* Under the Moon: World Cup Special** (877655)
2.00 Gamesmaster (52758)
2.30 FILM: The Plague of the Zombies (157810)
4.05 FILM: The Walking Dead (5231433)

CHANNEL 4

5.55am Sesame Street (r) (6127512)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (T) (47864)
9.00 The Dark Angel (1935, b/w) Romantic drama with Merle Oberon and Fredric March set during the Frist World War. Directed by Sidney Franklin (T) (12680)
11.00 On the Road to the Islands (r) (T) (8390) ***11.30*** *Here's One I Made Earlier.* Tuscan bean soup (r) (T) (6319) **12.00** Sesame Street (40390) **12.30pm** Light Lunch with Michelle Collins and Sean Williamson *from EastEnders* (r) (T) (91777) **1.30** Airpost (15328999) **1.40** The Hoarder (15308135)
1.55 Racing from Sandown Park Featuring *the **2.05, 2.35, 3.10** and **3.45** races.* Introduced by Alastair Down (93020864)
4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (64) **4.30** Countdown (T) (3543574) **4.55** Ricki Lake: My *Husband Loves My Dog More Than Me* (r) (T) (5020777) **5.30** Pet Rescue (T) (28) **6.00** Cheers(r) (T) (41)
6.30 Home Improvement (T) (656357)
6.55 Fresh Pop (180690)
7.00 Channel 4 News (T) and weather (538338)
7.55 The Political Slot (283311)
8.00 Screaming Reels See Critic's Choice. Nick Fisher learns the skills of the Maori fishermen. Last in the series (T) (9777) ***8.30* Brookside** *The game's up for* Jacqui (T) (1512)
9.00 Friends The friends stay at a beach house (r) (T) (8154)
9.30 Spin City: My Life Is A Soap Opera? Mike and his new girlfriend become the topic of a TV soap opera (T) (96067)
10.00 Euroballs '98: Italy Antoine De Caunes checks out Italy for the weird and wonderful (T) (58319)



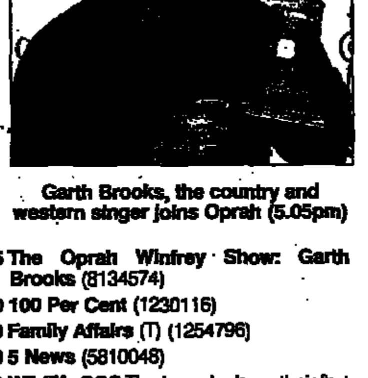
***Graham Norton stars in* a new comedy show (10.30pm)**

10.30 So Graham Norton (1/7) *Comedy, events and* conversation with the comedian and actor (T) (248406)
11.10 King of the Hill Animated comedy *double bill beginning with Luanne's Saga* Luanne's mother becomes romantically involved with Bill upon her release from prison. In *Junkie Business* Hank gives a drug addict a job at Strickland Propane (T) (403406)
12.10am Under the Moon: World Cup Special Danny Kelly and guests discuss the first day of the quarter-finals (877655)
2.00 Gamesmaster (52758)
2.30 The Plague of the Zombies (1965) Hammer horror with Andre Morell as a medical professor fighting the undead (157810)
4.05 The Walking Dead (1936, b/w) Chilling drama starring Boris Karloff. Directed by Michael Curtiz (8963926)
5.30 Terrytoons (4847839) ***5.40-5.55*** Inseklors (5568384)

CHANNEL 5

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6.00am 5 News and Sport (3017067)
7.00 WideWorld (r) (T) (1107154) **7.30** Milkshake! (9499116) **7.35** Wind in the Willows (r) (4544086) **8.00** Havakazoo (3214048) **8.30** Dappledown Farm (r) (3213319) **9.00** Dwellers of the Deep (r) (3237999) ***9.30*** *Russell Grant's* Postcards: Abingdon, Berks (9629086) **9.35** Oprah Winfrey Show (r) (6504680)
10.25 Sunset Beach (T) (8092512) **11.10** Leeza: Obsession Cost My My Family (6806777) **12.00** 5 News at Noon (3217135) **12.30pm** Family Affairs (r) (T) (3847390) **1.00** The Bold and the *Beautiful* (1108425) **1.30** *Sons and* Daughters (3846661) **2.00** 100 Per Cent Gold (5809932) **2.30** Open House with Gloria Hunniford (8769845)
3.30 Calamity Jane and Sam Bass (1949) with Yvonne de Carlo and Lloyd Bridges. Drama based on the life of the 19th-century gun-*toting woman* (3159512)



Garth Brooks, the country and western singer joins Oprah (5.05pm)

5.05 The Oprah Winfrey Show: Garth Brooks (8134574)
6.00 100 Per Cent (1230116)
6.30 Family Affairs (T) (1254796)
7.00 5 News (5810048)
7.30 Wildlife SOS The fox cubs have their first *feed* (1243680)
8.00 Only the Good Die Young (1990, TVM) Murder mystery starring Jaclyn Smith. Christine Cromwell investigates when a group of college friends die Directed by Leo Penn (39535425)
9.50 C-16 Eric Roberts stars as an FBI agent out for revenge after his friend is murdered (5393222)
10.45 Confessions of a Window Cleaner (1975) Coarse comedy with Robin Askwith. Directed by Val Guest (39650661)
12.25am Performance (1970) with James Fox and Mick Jagger. A gangster goes into hiding with a reclusive rock star. Directed *by Donald Cammell and Nicolas Roeg* (5097487)
2.20 Experiment in Terror (1962) with Glenn Ford and Lee Remick. A bank cashier is *terrorised by a psychopath with robbery* on his mind. Directed by Blake Edwards (45368433)
4.35 The Road (44947162)
4.40 Prisoner: *Cell Block H* (1553810)
5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (3162520)

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SKY 1

7.00am Tattooed Teenage Alien Fighters (72574) **7.30** Games World (1580406) **7.45** Simpsons (47154) **8.15** Oprah (8327222) **9.00** Hotel (48680) *10.00 Another World* (80593) **11.00** Days of Our Lives (49947) **12.00** Married with Children (97222) **12.30pm** M*A*S*H (1724131) **12.55** Special K Collection (96661715) **1.00** Geraldo (9088338) **1.55** Special K Collection (22898628) **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (3248767) **2.55** Special K Collection (2486116) **3.00** Jenny Jones (3589116) **3.55** Special K Collection (9387057) **4.00** Oprah (40338) **5.00** Star Trek: Voyager (9332) **6.00** The Nanny (1883) *6.30 Married* with Children (2135) **7.00** Simpsons (9131) **7.30** Simpsons (8319) **8.00** Highlander: The Series (52861) **9.00** Walker, Texas Ranger (72425) **10.00** Friends (98951) **10.30** *Friends* (14999) **11.00** Star Trek: Voyager (81222) **12.00** Nash Bridges (91568) **1.00am** Long Play (4227704)

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SKY BOX OFFICE 4 (Transponder 56) **Private Parts (1997)**

SKY MOVIES SCREEN 1

6.00am The Blue Bird (1976) (35338) **8.00 The President's Analyst (1967)** (41116) **10.00 My Ghost Dog (1997)** (40796) *11.30 Spy Hard (1996)* (79357) **1.00pm Phase IV (1973)** (65796) **3.00 Kansas (1995)** (40770970) **4.45 My Ghost Dog (1997)** (847715) **6.15 Balto (1995)** (7215135) **7.30** Spy Hard (1996) (93425) **9.00 Dracula: Dead and Loving It (1995)** (32319) **11.00 Married People, Single Sex II (1993)** (385703) **12.45am Jeffrey (1995)** (170029) **2.20 Critical Choices (1996)** (4770075) **3.50 Cross My Heart (1987)** (56059723)

SKY MOVIES SCREEN 2

6.00am The Bandit of Sherwood Forest (1946) (26880) **8.00 In the Line of Duty: Smoke Jumpers (1996)** (72085) **10.00 The Family Jewels (1965)** (32883) **12.00** *Hearts Adrift (1996)* (62609) *2.00pm* **The Bandit of Sherwood Forest (1946)** (64406) **4.00 The Family Jewels (1965)** (2408) **6.00 Hearts Adrift (1996)** (63999) **8.00 The Arrival (1996)** (86715) **10.00 Last Dance (1996)** (504425) **11.45 Co-Ed Call Girl (1995)** (672845) **1.20am Deadly Pursuits (1995)** (643346) **2.55 Down, Out and Dangerous (1995)** (669487) **4.30 In the Line of Duty: Smoke Jumpers (1996)**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Dad (1989) (2275970) **6.00 Baby Boom (1987)** (2233932) **8.00 Jaws III (1983)** (2945777) **10.00 Another 48 Hours (1990)** (9540628) **11.35 Lenny Live and Unleashed (1989)** (3966661) **1.15am A Touch of Zen (1969)** (38054888) **4.10 The Reckless Moment (1949)** (89348704)

TNT

9.00pm WCW Wrestling: Nitro (27128048) **11.00 The Liquidator (1966)** (53965116) **1.15am Lady in the Lake (1946)** (91542926) **3.05 The Password is Courage (1963)** (77776838) **5.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (5193086) **7.15** Wheelbase (5201116) **8.15** Sports Centre (4137116) **8.30** Racing News (28203) **9.00** Aerobics (42883) **9.30** *Trans World Sport* (56338) **10.30** Sports Unlimited (28512) **11.30** Formula Three (74319) **12.00** Aerobics (39319) **12.30pm** Wheelbase (34628) **1.30** Futbol Mundial (64593) **2.00** Live Golf: Irish Open (1508208) **6.00** Sports Centre (1435) **6.30** Equestrianism (2777) **7.00** World Sport Special (7593) **7.30** Live Super League (915609) **10.00** World Cup Phone-In — Live (800574) **10.45** Sports Centre (548593) **11.00** Wrestling (26628) **1.00am** Sports Centre (2758487) **1.15** World Cup Phone-In (2003742) **2.00** Super League (18471) **4.00** Wrestling (58013)

SKY SPORTS 2

7.00am Aerobics (7630512) **7.30** Sports Centre (5998048) **7.45** Racing News (5861241) **8.15** V-Max (2173593) **8.45** Sports Centre (2151574) **9.00** Tight Lines (5238425) **10.00** Women's Golf US Open (9317845) **2.00pm** Rebel Sports (6172593) **2.30** Watersports World (8017131) **3.30** Trans World Sport (9126116) **4.30** Sports Unlimited (8129715) **5.30** World Sport Special (4084970) **6.00** US Golf: Greater Hartford Open (1159609) **8.00** Live Women's Golf: US Open (4312864) **12.00** Golf: *Irish Open (9138592) 2.00am* Sports Centre (63156704) **2.15** Cricket: Third Test (2422013) **4.15** Sports Centre (28429968) **4.30** Trans World Sport (6082810) **5.30** Equestrianism (5113162)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Trans World Sport (48657116) **1.00pm** Tight Lines (48676864) **2.00** Bobby Charlton's Football Scrapbook (93038593) **3.30** Wheelbase (28090154) **4.30** Fastrax (91999777) **5.00** V-Max (40326970) **5.30** Wild Sports (91903357) **6.00** Wheelbase (48696628) **7.00** Winning Post Live (65990609) **9.00** Cricket (27120406) **11.00** Equestrianism (38571116) **11.30** Wild Sports (85748593) **12.00** Close

EUROSPORT

6.00am World Cup Second Round Highlights (65512) **7.00** World Cup — Le Mix *(36798) 9.00 FIA GT Championship (60660)* **10.00** Modern Pentathlon: World Cup (15203) **11.00** World Cup Second Round Highlights (35067) **12.00** International Motorsports Magazine (79425) **1.00pm** Motorcycling: British Grand Prix Qualifying — Live (8311864) **4.30** Motorcycling: Offroad (32864) **5.30** Formula 4x4 (9680) **6.00** World Cup Quarter-Final (13970) **8.00** Tractor Pulling (27999) **9.00** Motorcycling: British Grand Prix Preview (98785) **10.00** *World Cup — Le Mix (48262) 11.00 World* Cup Quarter-Final (11796) **1.00am** World Cup Journal (62655) **1.30** Close

UK GOLD

7.00am Crossroads (2268203) **7.30** Neighbours (2589661) **7.55** EastEnders (3180661) **8.30** The Bill (2375048) **9.00** The Bill (2393628) **9.30** Stay Lucky (3949222) **10.30** The Sullivans (2368512) **11.00** Dallas (8857357) **11.55** Neighbours (89659512) **12.25pm** EastEnders (9835680) **1.00** All Creatures Great and Small (7259777) **2.00** Dallas (5468999) **2.55** The Bill (5207845) **3.25** The Bill (9405593) **3.55** Dangerfield (5272135) **4.55** EastEnders (9317241) **5.30** Wowfabgroovy (9928319) **6.00** All Creatures Great and Small (7262241) **7.00** Last of the Summer Wine (2718777) **7.40** Waiting for God (9796116) **8.20** Butterflies (8199425) **9.00** Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads (4942067) **9.40** Minder (59402777) **10.45** Rising Damp (4516574) **11.20** The Bill (6982661) **11.50** The Bill (3089512) **12.20am** The Jack Dee Show (3762520) **12.50** Canned Carrott (9665636) **1.25 FILM: Eat the Rich (1987)** (66651346) **2.50** Shopping (76358742)



The legendary outlaw takes on the appearance of a fox to challenge Prince John in Disney's *Robin Hood* (Disney Channel, 7pm)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am The Box (9454357) **7.00** On the Buses (9274715) **7.30** Nearest and Dearest (8253222) **8.00** The Fenn Street Gang (2537609) **8.30** Mind Your Language (2529680) **9.00** Coronation St (2510932) **9.30** Emmerdale (7554393) **10.00** Jason King (8259406) **11.00** Hawaii Five-O (8262970) **12.00** Coronation St (2530796) **12.30pm** Emmerdale (9459929) **1.00** The Cuckoo Waltz (8273086) **1.30** The Army *Game (4304870) 2.00 Within These Walls* (8114425) **3.00** Jason King (2183961) **4.00** Hawaii Five-O (2102086) **5.00** Hart to Hart (7587661) **6.00** Emmerdale (5855628) **6.30** Coronation St (5839680) **7.00** Doctor at Large (7586390) **7.30** Doctor on the Go (5835864) **8.00** Dempsey and Makepeace (9350680) **9.00** The Professionals (9347116) **10.00** The Comedians (2531425) **10.30** Wheeltappers and Shunters (2517845) **11.00** Man and Motors (2705222)

CARLTON SELECT (CABLE)

5.00pm Blockbusters (40308574) **5.30** Gridlock (91978661) **6.00** Byker Grove (91975574) **6.30** My Two Wives (91999154) **7.00** London Bridge (40328338) **7.30** Desmond's (91995338) **8.00** Blue Heelers *(27125951)* **9.00** Love Hurts *(27145715)* **10.00** Safe and Sound (12136628) **10.30** Strongman (12112048) **11.00** Tales of Sherwood Forest (85894425) **12.00** The Big One (27854549) **12.30am** The Comedy Company (49267520) **1.00** The Free Frenchmen (86258907) **2.00** Close

DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am Lamb Chop **6.30** Jungle Cubs **7.00** Recess **7.30** Pepper Ann **8.00** Doug **8.30** Timon & Pumbaa **9.00** Aladdin **9.30** Quack Pack **10.00** Microscopic Milton **10.05** Amazing Animals **10.30** Sesame Street **11.30** Winnie the Pooh **11.45** Tots TV **12.00** Little Hippo **12.10pm** Let's Wiggle! **12.15** *Animal Shelf* **12.30** *Rosie & Jim* **12.50** Bear in the Big Blue House **1.20** Winnie the Pooh **1.35** Chip 'n' Dale **2.00** Goof Troop **2.30** Jungle Cubs **3.00** Timon & Pumbaa **3.30** Doug **4.00** Pepper Ann **4.30** Recess **5.00** Smart Guy **5.30** Student Bodies **6.00** Teen Angel **6.30** Boy Meets World **7.00 FILM: Robin Hood** **8.30** Wonder Years **9.00** Touched by an Angel

FOX KIDS NETWORK

6.00am Power Rangers Zeo **7.00** X-Men *7.25 Casper 7.35 Mortal Kombat 8.00* Goosebumps **8.25** Sam & Max **8.35** Beetleborgs **9.00** Masked Rider **9.30** Fairy Tales **10.00** Pinocchio **10.30** Peter Pan **11.00** Oliver Twist **11.30** Huckleberry Finn **12.00** Gulliver's Travels **12.30pm** Eek **12.42** Mouse & the Monster **12.54** Casper **1.06** Terrible Thunderlizards **1.18** Sam & Max **1.30** Pizza Cats **2.00** Eagle Riders **2.30** Conan **3.00** Fantastic Four **3.30** Donkey Kong Country **4.00** Ace Ventura **4.50** Casper **5.00** Goosebumps **5.25** Eerie, Indiana **5.50** Sam & Max **6.00** Goosebumps **6.25** Sweet Valley High **6.50** Home to Rent **7.00** Close

NICKELODEON

6.00am Count Duckula **6.30** The Littlest Pet Shop **7.00** Hey Arnold! **7.30** Rugrats **8.00** Doug **8.30** Oscar's Orchestra **9.00** CBBC **10.00** Wimzie's House **10.30** Babar **11.00** *The Magic School Bus* **11.30** PB Bear etc **12.00** Rugrats **12.30pm** Blue's Clues **1.00** Bananas in Pyjamas **1.30** *Franklin* **2.00** Papa Beaver **2.30** CBBC **3.30** Doug **4.00** Pippi Longstocking **4.30** Rugrats **5.00** Sister Sister **5.30** Kenan & Kel **6.00** Sabrina **6.30** Alien Strange *7.00 Close*

TROUBLE

7.00am Earthworm Jim **7.30** USA High **8.00** Saved by the Bell: The College Years *8.30 California Dreams 9.00 Hang Time* **9.30** Heartbreak High **10.30** Echo Point **11.00** Ready or Not **11.30** Earthworm Jim **12.00** Sweat **12.30pm** Heartbreak High **1.30** Echo Point **2.00** Hollyoaks **2.30** It's in the Jeans **2.45** On the Make **3.00** Sweat **3.30** Ready or Not **4.00** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air **4.30** Saved by the Bell: The College Years **5.00** Hollyoaks **5.30** California Dreams **6.00** Hang Time **6.30** Blast **7.00** USA High **7.30** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air

CHALLENGE TV

5.00pm Crosswits **5.45** Family Fortunes **6.30** Sale of the Century **7.15** Winner Takes All **7.55** The Crystal Maze **9.15** Strike It Lucky **10.00** Endurance UK **11.10** Jools Holland's Name That Tune **12.00** Karaoke Challenge **12.30am** Moonlighting **1.30** The Big Valley **2.30** Big Brother Jake **3.00** Snowy River: The McGregor Saga **4.00** Motormouth **5.00** Screenshop

BRAVO

8.00pm A-Team (8264203) **9.00** Real Stories of the Highway Patrol (4142796) **9.30** Cops (7269154) **10.00** Stripping Housewives (2365661) **10.30** World Cup Undercover (2361609) **11.00 *FILM: Slave Girls from Beyond Infinity*** (3453425) **1.00am** Beverly Hills Bordello (1240013) **1.30 FILM: The Outdoorsters** (4371617) **3.30** Twisted (3756433) **4.00** Beverly Hills Bordello (3777926) **4.30** Stripping Housewives (1238278) **5.00** A-Team (4423641)

PARAMOUNT COMEDY

7.00pm Sister Sister (5135) **7.30** Roseanne (9203) **8.00** Grace Under Fire (4883) **8.30** Caroline in the City (3390) **9.00** Cybill (64795) **9.30** Ellen (83628) **10.00** Mr Don and Mr George (21390) **10.30** Cheers (47338) **11.00** Monty Python's Flying Circus (89241) **11.30** Food Fight (83593) **12.00** Nurses (66723) **12.30am** It's Garry Shandling's Show (44013) **1.00** Mr Don and Mr George (46029) **1.30** Cheers (97839) **2.00** Caroline in the City (36891) **2.30** Food Fight (55926) **3.00** Roseanne (55365) **3.30** Cybill (46278) **4.00** Close

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

8.00pm Quantum Leap (8515593) **9.00** PSI Factor: Chronicles of the Paranormal (8535357) **10.00 FILM: Xiro III: Watch the Skies (1995)** (2315154) **12.00** Roswell: Cover-Ups and Close Encounters (7607028) **1.00am** The Six Million Dollar Man (4141162) **2.00** Friday the 13th (7455433) **3.00** Tales of the Unexpected (1764891) **3.30** Dark Shadows (6271723)

HOME & LEISURE

9.00am The Joy of Painting **9.25** The Home and Leisure House **9.30** Gardeners' Diary *10.00 Grassroots 10.30 In the Workshop* **11.00** Rex Hunt's Fishing World **11.30** Hometime **12.00** Our House **12.30pm** Home Again **1.00** Cookabout **1.30** Furniture on the Mend **2.00** This Old House **2.30** Tool Time **3.00** Go Fishing **3.30** This Old House

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Rex Hunt's Fishing Adventures II **4.30** Zoo Story **5.00** First Flights **5.30** History's Turning Points **6.00** Animal Doctor **6.30** Tortoise and Turtle **7.30** Disaster **8.00** Crocodile Hunter **9.00** Forensic Detectives **10.00** Extreme Machines **11.00** The Century of Warfare **12.00** First Flights **12.30am** Disaster **1.00** Forensic Detectives

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

7.00pm Clan of the Crocodile **7.30** Lights! Camera! Bugs! **8.00** Jerusalem: Within These Walls **9.00** Gaston and the Truffle Hunters **9.30** The Great Return **10.00** Give *Sharks a Chance 10.30 Dead on Arrival* The Wild Parrot **11.00** Wild Horses of Namib **11.30** The Day of the Swallow **12.00** Serengeti Diary **1.00am** Close

TRAVEL (CABLE)

12.00 Travel Live Stop The Week **1.00pm** Pathfinders **1.30** Origins With Burt Wolf **2.30** Wild Ireland **3.00** Of Tales And Travels **4.00** The Great Escape **4.30** Cities Of The World **5.00** Pathfinders **5.30** Travel Trails **6.00** Origins With Burt Wolf **6.30** On Tour **7.00** Travel Live Stop The Week **8.00** Go Portugal **8.30** The Flavours Of France **9.00** Going Places **10.00** Wild Ireland **10.30** Floyd On Oz **11.00** Travel Live Stop The Week

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Battleline **4.30** Man in Crisis **5.00** Modern Marvels **6.00** Ancient Mysteries **7.00** *Biography:* Katharine Hepburn

CARLTON FOOD (CABLE)

9.00am Food Network Daily **9.30** Food for Thought **10.00** A Taste of England **10.30** What's Cooking? **11.00** Worrall Thompson Cooks **11.30** Coxon's Kitchen College **12.00** Food Network Daily **12.30pm** Slice of Life **1.00** Food for Thought **1.30** Cooking with Mosimann **2.00** Alive and Cooking **2.30** Food Network Daily **3.00** Caribbean Light **3.30** Coxon's Kitchen College **4.00** Ideal Home Cooks **4.30** Planet Nosh

LIVING

6.00am Tiny Living **9.00** Rolonda **9.50** Jerry Springer **10.40** Young and the Restless **11.30** Brookside **12.00** Jimmy's **12.35pm** Living Issues **1.00** Rescue 911 **1.30** Ready Steady Cook **2.05** Rolonda **2.55** Living It Up **3.55** Jerry Springer **4.45** Tempest **5.35** Ready Steady Cook **6.10** Jerry Springer **7.00** Rescue 911 **7.30** *Mysteries, Magic &* Miracles **8.00** Adrenalin Junkies **9.00 FILM: Nightmare** **11.00** Sex Life Down Under

ZEE TV

6.30am Lollywood **7.00** Jaagran **7.30** Aap Ki Adalat **8.00** News; Buniyaad **9.00** Bharat Ek Khoj **10.00** Red Card **11.00** Zaike Ka Safar **11.30** Kurukshetra **12.00** FILM **3.00pm** Hasratein **4.00** Campus **4.30** It's My Choice **5.00** ZEE Zone **6.00** Banegi Apni Baat **6.30** Fun Film Style **7.00** Cheshme Baddoor **7.30** Entertainment Express **8.00** News, Parampara **9.00** FILM



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FRIDAY JULY 3 1998

Henman confident as friend turns foe

BY JULIAN MUSCAT, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

TWO players have recently made a second home of Centre Court at Wimbledon. One will be forcefully evicted today when Tim Henman, the first British semi-finalist in 25 years, opposes Pete Sampras, the champion in search of his fifth Wimbledon title.

That latter detail should govern the nation's expectations of Henman. He is up against a master, a man so imbibed with self-belief that his cup is overflowing. Yet the forces propelling Sampras, the ones generating that self-belief, will now conspire against him. The American will be all but friendless among 14,000 spectators desperate to acclaim a British winner. It will be a lonely place for the man accustomed to the crowd's unswerving support.

The friendship shared by both men extended to their practising on adjacent courts yesterday afternoon. There was banter between the camps; even the courtesy of a British partner, Mark Petchey, to spar with Sampras. Yet if Henman was unaware of the gathering expectation, he will have gleaned it from the hundreds who gathered to watch his knock. He will have sensed the quickening pulses as he ran the gauntlet of autograph hunters, of television requests and of British juniors all straining to glimpse the player they dream of emulating in the years ahead.

Outwardly, Henman remains impervious to it all. "If you had said before the tournament that Pete and I would play in the semi-final, I'd definitely have taken it," he said yesterday. "I don't think I should be scared of him. I have a good chance."

Henman, 23, believes that his task is helped by regular practice sessions with Sampras, 26. Their association has inspired the Briton, who has seen, at first hand, the ingredients obligatory for success at the highest level. "I have noticed how much Pete can dominate a match with his serve, even though he might be doing other things poorly," Henman said. "He can rely on that to keep him in a match, and that has taught me how important my serve is to my own game."

Henman, the No 12 seed, also implied that regular sightings of Sampras across the net will serve him well. "If you don't practise with a guy like that and you suddenly come up against him," he ventured, "it is inevitable that certain things about him will intimidate you."

Sampras, for his part, felt otherwise. "Our practising together will make no difference," he said. "I like to knock with the same guys but I don't think what happens on the practice grounds is revelant to a match situation."

The outcome will undoubtedly hinge on whether Henman can reproduce the high standard of serving that he summoned against Pat Rafter and, in particular, in his emphatic dismissal of Petr Korda on Wednesday. There is little between the two in terms of velocity, although Sampras has greater consistency and greater penetration on his second service.

The champion has won all but two of his 76 service games in this tournament. Remarkably, that equates to a lowering of his ratio 12 months ago, when he dropped just two games from 116. Sampras will also start the fresher man, having spent 4½ hours less on court. This is due, in part, to the fact that he has yet to play a seed.

What statistics do not illustrate, however, is Henman's greater intensity this Wimbledon. He has closed his mind to distractions and applied himself to the task. Within those confines, he remains loose and supple. He spoke yesterday with an assurance characteristic of his deeds on the court. Win or lose, this late-maturing soul appears to have come of age.

Instrumental in this evolvement has been Henman's physical trainer, Tim Newenham, a Commonwealth Games representative of Great Britain at the javelin. Henman's unimposing physique once threatened to deprive him of the strength inherent in the best grass-court players. No longer: Newenham's appointment nine months ago has seen the player gain bulk without compromising his agility.

As for Henman's prospects of winning, the fact remains that Sampras has lost just one match at Wimbledon in six years — and that in 1996 to the eventual champion, Richard Krajicek. It is also feasible that Henman will play the match of his life and still lose. Not for nothing has Sampras topped the world rankings for the past five years.

The second semi-final brings together two players who excel at the grass-court game. Krajicek, of Holland, has capitalised on a favourable draw with the conviction of a former champion. The No 9 seed has dropped just one set and found a rich vein of form. That, however, may not be enough to topple Goran Ivanisevic, twice a Wimbledon finalist.

Krajicek's record against left-handed opponents is poor and Ivanisevic, the No 15 seed from Croatia, has cast a spell over the Dutchman. He has won their past eight encounters, the last three by tie-breaks in the decisive set. With tie-breaks not used to settle matches at Wimbledon, the two could be hammering away at each other for hours.

HOW HENMAN AND SAMPRAS MEASURE UP

TIM HENMAN (GB)		PETE SAMPRAS (US)
23	Age	26
No 12	Seeded	No 1
6ft 1in	Height	6ft 1in
11st 1lb	Weight	12st 2lb
£2,165,951	Career prize-money	$32,422,649
0	Grand slam titles	10
2	Career singles titles	54
	Wimbledon 1998	
5	Matches	5
5	Sets dropped	0
53%	1st serves in	55%
86%	2nd serves in	83%
54	Aces	89
39	Double faults	34
	Service speed (mph):	
Max: 133. Av: 118	1st	Max: 133. Av: 120
Max: 125. Av: 109	2nd	Max: 125. Av: 109

TV COVERAGE BBC2 1.00 - 8.30pm (with cricket); BBC1 1.40 - 5.30pm. Highlights: BBC2 9.30pm - 10.28pm

Novotna in full cry to claim final chance

BY ALIX RAMSAY

THIRD time lucky or unlucky thirteenth, the choice is Jana Novotna's. Yesterday, she earned herself a place in her third Wimbledon final, at her thirteenth attempt, by beating the world No 1 and defending champion, Martina Hingis, 6-4, 6-4. It has given Novotna her best, and most probably last, chance to win the one grand-slam title that ought to be hers by right.

Tomorrow at 2pm she will step on to the Centre Court to face Nathalie Tauziat, of France, the No 16 seed, and what happens is for Novotna to dictate. Hingis reckons that Novotna should win it: she has beaten the champion, she has the experience of playing in a final, and "she deserves it, she's the better player".

Novotna has more experience than any player would wish to take with them into such a match. In 1993 she had a point for a 5-1 lead in the third set against Steffi Graf when it all went horribly and tearfully wrong. Graf thought that she was beaten until she saw Novotna quiver, then shake, then fall apart. Then Novotna burst into tears and sobbed on the Duchess of Kent's shoulder, and everyone loved her for it. It took several years before she would admit that she had choked, that she had wanted the title too much.

Last year, in the absence of Graf and clearly the best grass-court player in the tournament, she pulled a stomach muscle a couple of days before the final, and although she came out of the traps like a greyhound and demolished Hingis in the opening games, she could not maintain it. She simply ran out of puff, which gave Hingis a chance to regroup and formulate a new game-plan. The disappointment was plain, even if there were no tears.

Yesterday she was not to be outdone again. There was no choking and no lung-bursting sprint start. Instead, there was just an awful lot of thought, a good deal of courage and some stunning tennis. A team talk with her coach, Hana Mandlikova, about the final of the previous year had established what went wrong and where. She was determined not to let it happen again.

Hingis admitted that, as she walked on court, she was not sure who was going to win, and even though she got off to an impressive start — an early break, a 3-0 lead and three break points — there were signs that, once Novotna got her game going, all was not well in the Hingis camp.

For a veteran of 29, Novotna ran herself ragged to put pressure on her teenaged opponent. Using her trademark sliced backhand, she gave Hingis no chance to get a clean swipe at the ball and time and again the Hingis backhand, a shot that has torn many an opponent to shreds, was sent wide or long. There were points so well constructed by both women that you could almost hear them thinking. And, whenever she could, Novotna came to the net, which is where she rules the roost.

By the second set, Hingis had managed to keep Novotna at the back of the court for long spells, and after an early exchange of breaks it was level pegging. If Novotna came forward, Hingis lobbed, but the No 3 seed is not daft and began to see the threat coming. Flinging herself at high backhand volleys, she broke for the last time in the ninth game and served out to love. So much for the reputation of Novotna the choker.

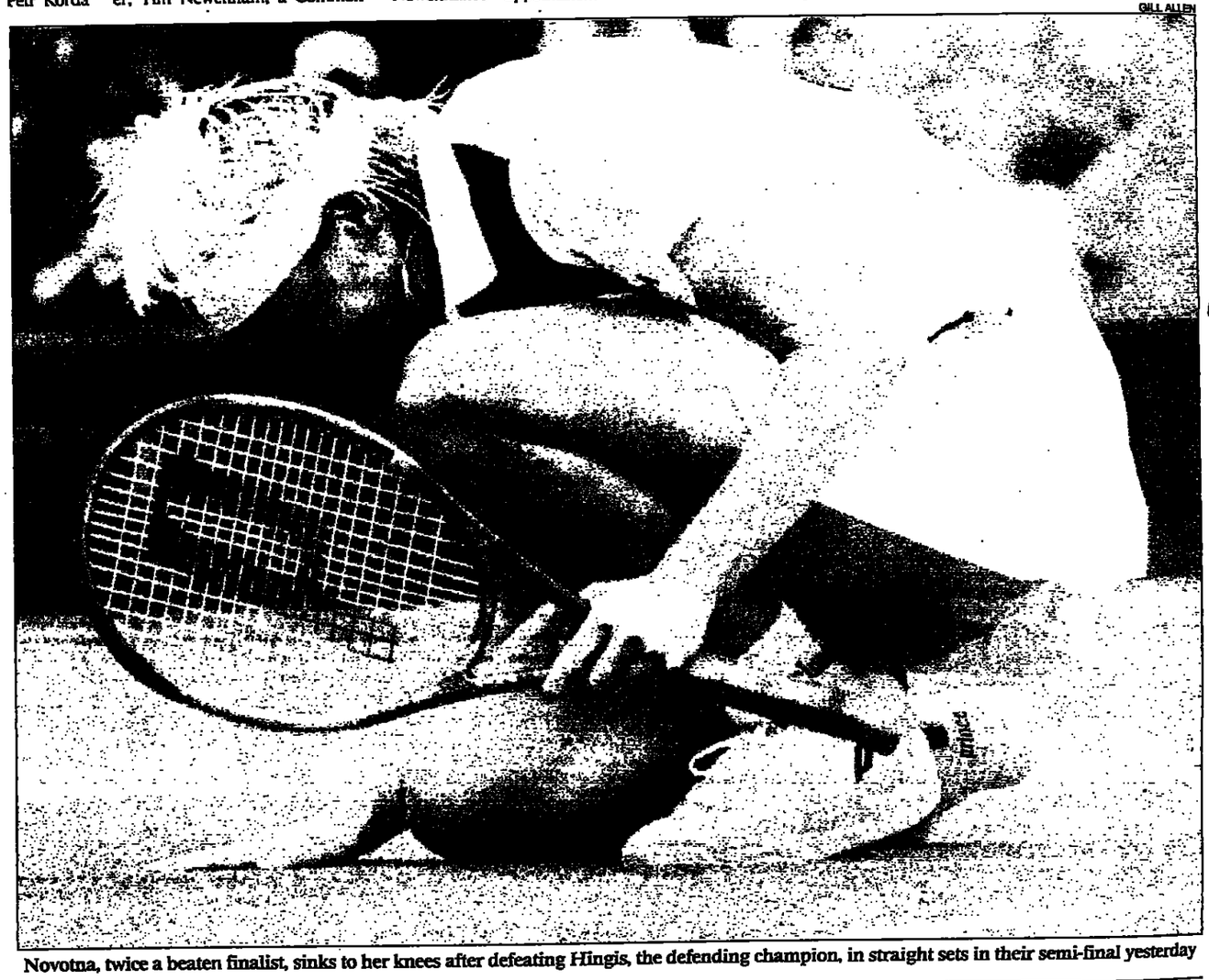
Hingis was amazed by the ability of her doubles partner to put the disappointments of last year behind her. "I would never think after last year that she's going to come back again and have this great grand-slam here at Wimbledon, but she's a great player on grass," she said, still smiling. As for Novotna, she has been here before and she is taking nothing for granted.

"I didn't surprise myself," the Czech said. "I think I know myself very well now, and I know what I am doing. I am a year older, but I feel so much better, I feel so much younger. But Nathalie Tauziat is a very dangerous player, we play very similar games and our tennis is based on experience. I think every time you get to the final you have a pretty good chance of winning, and let's just hope that what the Duchess of Kent said last year is right. She said: 'Third time lucky', so here I am."

Tauziat, 30, came through a rollercoaster ride of a semi-final to beat Natasha Zvereva 1-6, 7-6, 6-3. It had all looked to be over after the first 20 minutes as the French No 3 appeared stage-struck and unable to do anything right. But early in the second set, after another dreadful error, she let out a roar of frustration and suddenly left her nerves behind.

The match was won and lost in the tie-break. Zvereva could only take one point and, as the set slipped from her grasp, her spirit was broken and the run that taken her past Graf and Monica Seles was over.

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GILL ALLEN

Novotna, twice a beaten finalist, sinks to her knees after defeating Hingis, the defending champion, in straight sets in their semi-final yesterday

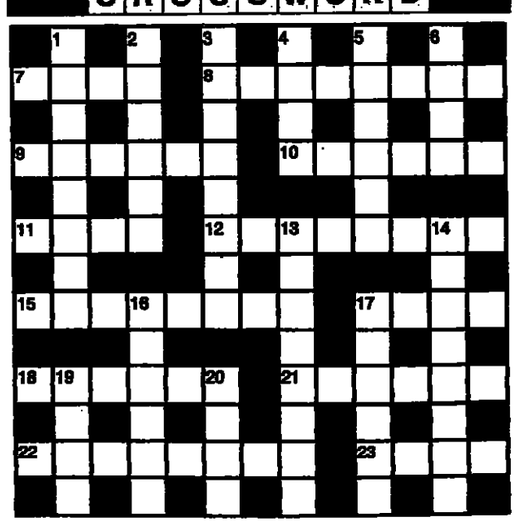


The tearful scene after Novotna's defeat by Graf in 1993



Tauziat beats the Centre Court grass in joy after claiming a ground-breaking place in the singles final

TIMES TWO CROSSWORD



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ACROSS
7 US alliance v USSR (*abbr.*) (4)
8 Judgment court (8)
9 Regional dialect (6)
10 Servile dependant (6)
11 Cautious (4)
12 Missionary efforts (8)
15 Albert —, Nobel physicist (8)
17 Embittered; infertile (land) (4)
18 Shortage (6)
21 Lag behind (6)
22 Husband of Minnehaha (*Longfellow*) (8)
23 A headland; a Loch (4)

DOWN
1 Dancer, WW1 German spy (4,4)
2 One without importance (6)
3 Ear-viewing implement (8)
4 Tablet (4)
5 Savoury tart (6)
6 A smoother; his progress, *Hogarth* (4)
13 Baffled by music (4-4)
14 Ungracious (8)
16 Canny (6)
17 Seeding; sounds like *needlework* (6)
19 — Morecambe, comedian (4)
20 Loathe (4)

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